

**A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
DECEMBER 24, 2016, 8:00 P.M.**

Prelude	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen A Savior on High Amen! Tell It on the Mountain The Christmas Gift Nino Lindo Ave Maria Run to Bethlehem The Lord's Prayer	<i>Stephen Paulos Mary McDonald Pepper Choplin Julian Wachner Saint Saens Mary McDonald Hay Malotte</i>
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Welcome

Introit	"This Child"	<i>Mary McDonald</i>
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Lighting the Advent Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the light of God's hope, peace, joy, and love
shine among us!

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Leader: Let us celebrate the birth of Christ,
the coming of our savior!

*Carol 234, vss 1, 3, 6 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture	Matthew 1:18 – 25 (p. 1)	<i>Bob Edwards</i>
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Anthem	"This Holy Night"
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Scripture	Luke 2:1 – 7 (p. 58)	<i>Cindy Wilson</i>
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Carol 238, vss 1, 3 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Scripture Titus 2:11-14(p. 214)

Sermon UNEXPECTED SAVIOR Rev. Patrick Marshall

Anthem "Gloria! To God Sing Gloria!" *Mary McDonald*

Lighting of the Candles

The sharing of the light will begin in silence. Once all candles are lit, we will sing Silent Night. For minimal wax dripping, please tilt your unlit candle toward your neighbor's lit candle.

*Carol 239 "Silent Night"

**Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above, Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, Holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

*Prayer of the Light

*Carol 246 "Joy to the World"

*Benediction

Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" Handel
Please remain standing for the Hallelujah Chorus

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so glad that you are here to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!
It is our hope that Christ will be born anew in you today,
so that his light may shine into the world through us all.

Offering trays are located by each of the sanctuary doors,
if you would like to support the mission and ministry of St. John's.

We would love to worship with you on Sundays at 9:30 AM
(with concurrent Sunday School). Nursery care is provided.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU:

To all of our musicians: *Soprano*: Miyuki Hashimoto, Eve Edwards, Luciana Piovan *Alto*: Crystal Charles, Julia Petters *Tenor*: Maximiliano Marques, Ian Wolf, Jeff Estabrook *Bass*: Aaron Sobel, Daniel Terrazas *Trumpet*: Frank Mercurio *Horn*: Mark Ator *Flute*: Linda Duncan *Violin*: Myanna Harvey, Sue Choi *Viola*: Tom McCauley *Cello*: Cassia Harvey

To Iris and all the members of our vocal choir, who have worked
incredibly hard to prepare music that would match the beauty of this night.

To our members, home from college, for sharing of the light:
Ben Floyd, Laura Jean McClintick, Adam Thomson,
Blake Thomson, Meggie Wolfe

To this evening's ushers, graciously welcoming all:
Bob Miller, Tom Higgins, John and Jerre Lieberman

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