

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU...

To our organist, Janet Kaido, and all the musicians who have worked so hard to prepare music that matches the beauty of this night:

Musicians: Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin),
John Senior (guitar)

Vocalists: Chaka Allen, Patrick Bullock, Nancy Coradi,
Jeff Estabrook, Miyuki Hashimoto, Lynne Hay,
Nancy Higgins, Nancy Kimmons, John McClintick,
Jim Ryland, Pam Schafer, Alberto Urbina,
Liz Ward, Ian Wolfe

And to our ushers, Dan Lortz & Kate Johnson, as well as our greeters,
Joe & Nancy Arico and Barbara McConnell, for graciously welcoming
all!

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2025, 8:00 P.M.

Prelude “Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn **238**
 “An English Christmas” *arr. Catherwood*
 “A Stable Lamp is Lighted” Hymn **160** (Insert)
The choir will sing verse 1, the congregation joins on vss. 2–4
 “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *arr. Harvey*
 “Good News” *arr. Althouse*

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Answering God’s Call to Worship From Isaiah 9

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.**

One: For a child has been born for us; a son given to us.

**All: Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
 Prince of Peace.**

One: Let us celebrate the birth of Christ, the coming of our Savior,
 God with us!

All: O come, let us adore him!

***Carol 234 (v. 1, 3, 6) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Matthew 1:18–25 (pg. 1, N.T.)

Anthem “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” *Larson*

Scripture Luke 2:1–7 (pg. 58, N.T.) Nancy Arico

***Carol 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

Scripture Luke 2:8–20 (pg. 58, N.T.)

Sermon DO NOT BE AFRAID Rev. Dr. Marshall

Anthem

“O Holy Night”
Chaka Allen, soloist

Adam

Sharing the Light of Christ

To avoid dripping wax, 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