



Prelude

Welcome

Advent Candle/Christ Candle *(All are invited to read **bold** print)*

Leader: Tonight we light the four candles of Advent waiting.

We light one...**for the people who waited for hundreds of years for God's Messiah.** *(pause)*

We light one...**for Mary and Joseph waiting for Jesus to be born.** *(pause)*

We light one...**for all the waiting we have done getting ready for this night.** *(pause)*

We light one...**for all the people who are still waiting tonight for God's love and justice and peace.** *(pause)*

But tonight, we can finally light the Christ Candle. *(light candle)*

Let us all say...**Jesus is born! The Messiah has come!**

"Merry Christmas!"

***Opening Hymn** #153 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Invitation for Children

The ABCs of Christmas

Hymns *(first verse only)*

B #144 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

F #148 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

J "Joseph's Lullaby" Kevin Keil

Junior Choir – Althea Madigan, Director

M #147 "Away in a Manger"

N #151 "The First Noel"

Offering

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

S #154 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

W #162 "What Child Is This"

***Closing Hymn** #145 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

***Benediction Merry Christmas!**

Postlude "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Wood

***All who are able are invited to stand.**

The Poinsettias are given by the church family.

There will be a **Candlelight Service** tonight at **11 PM.**

Preludes

James Burr, Organist

March and Trépak Tchaikovsky

Cantique de Noel Adam/Hughes

Angel Carols arr. Smith

Piano Prelude Megan Hasty

Joseph's Lullaby

by Kevin Keil

Mary, sleeping babe at her side.
Who can know my wonder, my pride?
Friend and companion, beautiful wife,
You heard God's word spoken and brought it to life.

Little dreamer, open your eyes,
Let me look deeply inside,
To gaze on your wonder undimmed by despair
To watch you discover God's work ev'rywhere.

Dream your dreams of Angels and light.
I'll be there throughout the long night.
A man needs deep silence to feel such deep joy,

you're God's promised coming, but my little boy.
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Merry Christmas!!!