

CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

Organ Meditation Diane Keller, Organist

Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant / Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Introit *Fanfare for Christmas* Martin Shaw

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 v. 1, 3

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Lighting the Advent Candles Allen Family

Now Christmas is near and we hallow this day
When truth is revealed and we follow His way.
We lift hands in prayer as we celebrate birth,
And angels still sing songs of peace to the earth.

Anthem *Christmas Eve* Oxford Hymn

Carol *Angels From the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

Scripture *Luke 2:1-14* Jerry Johnson

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230, v. 1 & 2

Christmas Eve Homily *Silent Night, Holy Night*
Reverend Burke Owens

Carol *What Child Is This?* UMH 219

Anthem *Cradle Carol* Victor C. Johnson
Alan Cooper, Violin

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Adeste Fidelis* Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Doxology

Anthem *Before the Marvel of this Night* Carl Schalk

Carol *Joy to the World* UMH 246 v. 1-3

Candle Lighting

Please light your candle from your neighbor's candle. Then hold your candle vertically while the person next to you lights his/her candle. Follow the choir out to the patio while we sing "Silent Night."

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH 239

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. 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.

4. 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!

Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens



Church Office Holiday Hours:

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Reverend Burke Owens, Senior Pastor

Reverend Gerardo García Palacios, Children, Youth & Family Ministries

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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

