

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

Organ Meditation Diane Keller, Organist

Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant / Dale Wood (1934-2003)
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear / Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Introit *Fanfare for Christmas* Martin Shaw

*Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 v. 1, 3, 6

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Lighting the Advent Candles Scott Thomas and Lucy Tompkin

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 *Cradle Carol* Victor C. Johnson
Alan Cooper, violin

*Carol *The First Noel* UMH 245 v. 1, 2, 4

Scripture *Luke 2:1-14* Janet Nicholls

Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Alan Higbee
Julianne Stafford, oboe

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

*Carol *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* UMH 244 v. 1 & 2

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.

*Carol *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH 229

Invitation to the Offering
to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

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

Doxology

*Carol *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

*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."

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*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.

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.

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!

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:

Closed Dec. 25 - 27 and Jan. 1
Reduced hours 12 - 4 PM, Dec. 29 & 30
Regular hours 9 - 4 PM, Jan. 2 & 3

Reverend Burke Owens, Senior Pastor
Reverend Gerardo García Palacios, Children, Youth & Family Ministries
Diane Keller, Organist
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