

*Celebration of Worship*  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion*

December 24, 2016

11:00 P.M.

**Thought for Reflection**

*“The One who is born is the Grand Monarch – The Patriarch Christ dressed in human flesh. He has redeemed us by making himself small although He is infinite. He made himself finite. This One comes to give life to the dead, and comes to mend us all from sin; He is the light of day, this Boy – this is the Lamb that St. John told of.”*

*Noah Greenburg*

PRELUDE Susanni Ludlow  
*Carol Medley for Quiet Stops* arr. Fisher

WELCOME

INTROIT I Wonder as I Wander arr. Moglebust  
Bell Choir

OPENING WORDS (responsively) Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;

***Sing to the Lord all the earth!***

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

***Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.***

Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

***For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.***

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

***Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and all those who live in it.***

Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

***God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the people with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\* Please stand, if you are able

\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* # 41

*Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 p. 2  
*Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

CAROL It Came Upon the Midnight Clear # 38

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 p. 16  
*God promises to be faithful to Abraham, that in his seed shall all the nations of the world be blessed.*

CAROL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel # 9

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 p. 555  
*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

CHOIR ANTHEM Tiny King Eilers  
Chancel Choir

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 p. 558  
*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

CAROL Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming # 48

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 p. 831  
*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

CAROL The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came # 16

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 p. 832  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*

CAROL Away in a Manger # 25

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 p. 833  
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

ANTHEM What Is This Lovely Fragrance arr. Hopson  
Chancel and Bell Choirs

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 p. 783  
*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

CAROL We Three Kings of Orient Are # 66  
Verses 1, 3 & 5 - Congregation / Verses 2 & 4 - Choir

***The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper***

Invitation  
Words of Institution  
Communion

