

(The congregation is invited to join in singing Silent Night. The dancers will start the lighting of the candles. Please "pass the light" on to those near you.)

***Hymn:** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**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.**

**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!**

**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!**

Benediction

Congregation Leaves in Silence

*(As you leave the sanctuary, please extinguish your candle with care before moving from the pew.
Candles may be returned to the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary.)*

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Liturgist: Zoe Calhoun

Soloists: Danny and Jennifer Brevik, Hannah and Leah Rosenmen, Wynton Jarvinen

Ushers: Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), the C family, Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth Vahadji), Dominick, Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), Lynn T, Mary (T) Grocott (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), our service men, women and their loved ones, the people of Ukraine and those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Christmas Eve – 2022
A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24, 2022

11:00 p.m.

Meditation:

Christianity is a revealed religion with a historical tradition. Without a community of faith surrounding us, retelling the stories and traditions again and again, we cannot know Jesus. –Leonard Sweet

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

** Those who are able are invited to stand. * Items in bold are read in unison.*

We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.

If you have a prayer request, please write on a “Prayer Card” in the card rack, and place in the offering plate.

All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Traditional arr. M. Hayes

Welcome

(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

***Call to Worship:**

One: Silent night, holy night.

Many: Behold the wonder, born in the light.

One: Born a child, yet a king.

Many: A promised fulfilled, the angels sing.

One: Sing of love, sing of life,

Many: The Prince of Peace shall end all strife.

***Opening Hymn:** “Joy to the World” UMH#246

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 Reader: Rob Powell

Special Music: “Sussex Carol” Traditional arr. P.M. Young

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 Reader: Leah Rosenman

***Hymn:** “What Child Is This” UMH#219

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55 Reader: Wynton Jarvinen

Special Music: “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” R. Willis arr. T. Trenney

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 Reader: Hannah Rosenman

Lighting The Christ Candle: Zoe Calhoun

***Hymn:** “Away in a Manger” UMH#217

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 Reader: Rob Powell

Special Music: “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” J. Goss arr. D. Forrest

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6-7
For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

Christmas Meditation: Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Offering Our Gifts:
(All offerings tonight that are not regular pledges will go to support those in need within our community and beyond through the “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday” appeal this year.)

Offertory: “O Holy Night” A. Adam

Pastoral 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Moment of Music, Movement And Dance: “What Wondrous Light is This” J. Leavitt
Trinity’s Dance/Movement Choir