



*Christmas Eve 2024, 8:00 pm*

## Gathering to Remember the Light

PRELUDE

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. John Carter

*Gentle Mary*

*I Wonder as I Wander*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

arr. Mark Hayes

Jan McDonald, trumpet

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Rev. Harry, Gwen, & Claire Eberts

‡ CALL *to* WORSHIP

Isaiah 9: 6(NRSV)

Ellery Truesdell

*(bold in unison)*

For to us a child is born,

To us a son is given;

And the government will be upon his shoulder,

And his name will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

‡ CAROL 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

verses 1 and 3

*(bold in unison) Please be seated.*

God of this holy night,  
 We were heavy with sorrow, but joy interrupted.  
 We were deep in the night, but a star appeared.  
 We were silent with sadness, but the heavens rang.  
     And the splendor shone around them  
     when the time had fully come.

We were hardened by conflict, but love intervened.  
 We were frightened by shadows, but light took them away.  
 We were haunted by fears, but a child brought us hope.  
     And she laid him in a manger  
     when the time had fully come.

We were dismal and defeated, but faith set us on fire.  
 We were weary and complaining, but our hearts discovered praise.  
 We were doubtful and confused, but a door to life was opened.  
     And the guiding star went before them  
     when the time had fully come.

The time is here. Let us rejoice! Amen.

CAROL 129

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

verse 1

### Savoring the Light

LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 6-9a

ANTHEM

Sing Lullaby  
 Chancel Choir

Michael Murphy

LESSON

Luke 2: 1-14

CAROL 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

verses 1 and 2

LESSON

Luke 2: 15-20

*O Magnum mysterium*

Morten Lauridsen

Chancel Choir

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
iacentem in praesepio!  
O beata virgo, cuius viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Iesum Christum.  
Alleluia!*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
O blessed virgin, whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

CAROL 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

verses 1 and 3

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

The Star and the Manger

Rev. Harry Eberts

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*What Sweeter Music*  
Chancel Choir

Vaughan Williams

RESPONSE CAROL 145

*What Child is This?*

verse 3

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Harry Eberts

## Radiating the Light into the World

*We pass the light from candle to candle while singing the following carol.*

‡ CAROL 122

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
Steven Stimmel, violin

verses 1 through 4

*When your candle is lit, please hold it upright for your neighbor to light their candle.*

‡ CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Harry Eberts

*“For to us a child is born, To us a son is given.”*

May Christ be the light we carry in our hearts as we depart into this Christmas night.

‡ POSTLUDE

*Concerto for Trumpet, Movt. III*

Heinrich Stolz

## *Sewing Tonight*

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts  
Liturgist: Ellery Truesdell  
Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney  
Assistant Organist: David Solem  
Assistant Choir Director  
and Cantor: Travis Bregier

## *Worship Coordinators*

Worship & Music: Diane Buchanan  
Ushers: Allen Gullede  
Liturgical Arts: Judi Haines  
Communion: Alice Tinkle & Jean  
Withers  
Welcome Ministry: Sharon Kirby

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