

# EVENING WORSHIP

December 24, 2018

Half Past Five O'Clock

## Christmas Eve

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Noel Fanfares" Charles Callahan

INTROIT "Cradle in Bethlehem" by Alfred Bryan and Larry Stock  
Ed Thomas, baritone

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Philippians 4:4-5) Walt, Nan, Samuel, Sara, and Sutton Howard

UNISON PRAYER

**Jesus, You came among us as a tiny child, so that we would know the love of God. This is the night we celebrate Your birth and thank God for all the gifts we've been given. Help us to have the courage to share Your good news - hope, peace, joy and love - so that we may be Your voice to others in this world of need. Amen.**

+\*HYMN 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 2, selected verses, pew Bible p. 933  
John 1:1-4, 14, 16, pew Bible p. 966

SERMON "A Glimpse of Glory" Lori Raible

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 49 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Gabriel's Message" arr. David Willcocks

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

\*HYMN 47 "Still, Still, Still" STILL, STILL, STILL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(To receive the bread and the cup – process down the center aisle, take a piece of bread; dip the bread in the cup, and return to your pew by the outside aisles. If for any reason you prefer not to come forward, please raise your hand and the Elders will be glad to serve you in your pew. If you would like gluten free elements, please go to the server nearest the flowers [pulpit side] and indicate your preference to the Elder.)*

### SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Isaiah 9:2,6

**Leader:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; a light shone upon those who lived in a land of deep darkness.

**People:** **For a child has been born for us, a son given to us: authority rests upon His shoulders and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Leader:** When the time was ripe, God appeared in the mainstream of humankind. He came, not with the lightning bolt nor with the clamor of kingship, nor in the midst of much applause. He came, still and small, into the poverty of the world, perceived only in the hearts of believers.

**People:** **We are those who celebrate His coming in time. We are the shepherds who adore Him in awe. We are the travelers from afar who bear gifts to Him. We celebrate the mystery which we know in our hearts.**

**All:** **Gather and empower us, O God, as a community of peace and anticipation. Amen.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN 60 (seated)

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

\*HYMN 40

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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