

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2015 10:30 P.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP REFLECTIVELY

*“Love came down at Christmas;
Love all lovely, love divine.
Love was born at Christmas;
Stars and angels gave the sign.”*

Christina Rossetti

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP MUSICALLY

Jan Crum, Hammered Dulcimer

WELCOME

Stuart Spencer

PRELUDE

Prelude in A major (BWV 536)

Colton Martin
J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Gary, Christene, Nicole Garafola

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*CAROL NO. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bailey Pruner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the Light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Awaken us by your Holy Spirit so that, with your forgiveness, we may live lives of peace and blessing to the glory of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*CAROL NO. 147 (Verse 4 only)

The First Nowell

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*GREETING

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude “In Dulci Jubilo” (BWV 729)

Colton Martin
J.S. Bach

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

ANTHEM	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	With One Voice Choir arr. Arthur Frackenpohl
FIRST LESSON	Matthew 1:18-25	Sarah Summerson
*CAROL NO. 121 (Vs. 1: congregation; 2: women; 3: choir; 4: congregation) ST. LOUIS	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
SECOND LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	Bailey Pruner
ANTHEM	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	With One Voice Choir M. Leontovich
THIRD LESSON	Luke 2:8-20	Alyssa Capel
*CAROL NO. 119	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
SERMON	"Christmas Is Also for Supervillains"	Stuart Spencer

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*CAROL NO. 158	<i>Born in the Night, Mary's Child</i>	MARY'S CHILD
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Bailey Pruner
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Eternal God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son, Jesus (the Word who became flesh), to be born of Mary; and now we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. His name – the Prince of Peace and Lord of all – is above every name. In Him we have been brought out of darkness into your marvelous light. For this reason we gladly praise you, joining our voices with all who magnify you. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.		

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE SACRAMENT (*Eat the bread as you are served; hold the cup until all are served.*)

CAROL NO. 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bailey Pruner

SPECIAL MUSIC

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

Adult Bell Choir
arr. Linda R. Lamb

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CAROL NO. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stuart Spencer

RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS

Adult Bell Choir, Alumni, and Friends

CAROL NO. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION (*Extinguish your candles following the Benediction.*)

POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major

Colton Martin
Dietrich Buxtehude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

USHERS AND GREETERS – Today's ushers are Heather Brewer, Lorraine Foltz, Nicole Garafola, and Brad Michael.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 – There will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and no Christian Education Hour. Sing carols with us and enjoy a special Christmas story read by Pastors Spencer and Pruner, followed by great goodies and coffee!

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