

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2014, 7:00 P.M.



Prelude

George Grace, Organist and Brass Ensemble

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Traditional

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Traditional

Brass Ensemble

Holiday Selections

Arch Street UMC Sanctuary Choir

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come” Manz

Order of Service for Christmas Eve

Choral Introit “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Polish Carol

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Christmas Carol # 234 “O Come All Ye Faithful” Verses 1, 2, 3, 6

Litany for Christmas Eve

Leader: God gives the gift unique and eternal, the Bethlehem Babe; born, crucified, and risen for us all.

People: O come, O come Emmanuel, all peoples in one heart and mind bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

Choir: *Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Leader: God gives gifts of the Spirit for growth and life, for teaching and healing, for loving, giving, and caring.

People: Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Choir: *God gives me to you and you to me; we are each other’s gift of love for Christ.*

Leader: O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Choir: *Come and behold him, born the King of angels.*

People: O come let us adore him,

Choir: *O come let us adore him,*

All: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Church Candles

The McNeill Family

Christmas Carol # 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Scripture Lessons Darlene DiDomineck

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Choral Anthem “Angel’s Carol” Rutter

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20 (page 889 in pew Bible)

Christmas Eve Meditation “Always Illuminating” Rev. Hynicka

Christmas Carol # 240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Spreading the Light

The Christmas Offering

Offertory “I Wonder as I Wander” Rutter

***Offertory Response 94** “The Doxology”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Holy Communion - Hymnal, pages 13 - 14

***Candle Lighting Anthem** “Night of Silence” Kantor, arr. Ferguson

At the Minister’s cue, please sing verse 1 of Silent Night - #239

(As the light is passed from one candle to the other, be careful not to tip a lighted candle, lest wax be spilled. Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame.)

Christmas Carol #245 “The First Noel”

Benediction

Postlude “Joy to the World” Larson

***Please stand, if able.**

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Guest Music Director/Organist, George Grace

Guest Musicians:

Eli Mudrick and Jake Rondinaro, Trumpet;

Avalon Nemec, French Horn; Robert Joffred, Trombone;

John Peter Holly, Tuba

The Greeters: Nancy Megley, Alice Ming & Raymond Wilson

The Candle Lighters: The McNeill Family

The Worship Leaders: Nicola Jefferson and Cathy Simpson

The Altar Flowers (see Christmas Garden insert)