

December 24, 2016

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Prelude Brian Sampson

Words of Welcome Rev. William Kren

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

ALL: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ONE: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

ALL: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.

ONE: For a child is born for us, a Son given to us.

ALL: In Him was Life, and the life was the light of all people.

*Opening Hymn: Pilgrim Hymnal # 132
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Invocation Rufus Beardsley

Gracious God, for all the light and loveliness that shines upon our lives at Christmastime we bless you; but above all, for the Babe of Bethlehem we worship you. With humble footsteps and reverent hearts, we come to the manger of the Child. Lead us away from our pride and conceit to the humility of childlikeness. May the kingdom of heaven belong to us because we have become teachable as children. In the name of the Christ whose birth we celebrate. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Haas Family

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 1:26-35, 38 Valerie Haas

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Pilgrim Hymnal #116

Luke 2:1-7 Ian Haas

Special Music – Sue Kren

Luke 2:8-14 Cole Haas

"The First Nowell" Pilgrim Hymnal #141

Matthew 2:1-11 Kirk Haas

"Joy to the World!" Pilgrim Hymnal #130

Christmas Homily Pastor Kren

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

As the ushers light the candle of the person seated on the aisle, and the flame is passed from one to another, worshippers are cautioned never to tip the burning candle. Tip only the unlit candles to receive the flame.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"
Pilgrim Hymnal #138

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us on this Holiest of evenings. As we honor the gift we receive through the birth of the Christ Child, may our service of worship and fellowship be a gift to all who attend.