



# Christmas Eve

**MISSION** Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

**VISION** To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love – every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

Dec. 24, 2014  5:00 p.m.



## **December 24, 2014**

### **Christmas Eve**

**Liturgical Color:** White

*White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.*

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**8:30 a.m.** Chapel Communion Service

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:00 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery available at all services & Sunday School*

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Acolytes** . . . . . Supervisor, Mary Martin

Candle Lighters . . . . . Thomas & Cathy Rice

**Sound Crew** . . . . . Roby Price

**Ushers** . . . . . Captain, Mary Martin;  
George Cook; Paula & Amanda Humer;  
Katherine Robeson; Krissy Williams

### **WELCOME, GUESTS!**

We are delighted you are worshiping with us! We'd love to tell you more about what God is doing at Saint Luke's throughout the year. Just ask anyone around you, contact Pastor Steve Vance ([stevevance@slpres.org](mailto:stevevance@slpres.org)), or visit our website ([slpres.org](http://slpres.org)). We hope to see you again soon.

Child Care is available for our youngest friends in Room 117. However, most preschool-age children will love participating in this special worship service.

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child,  
and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

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## PEACE

### Gathering Prayer

Shannon Dill

### Prelude

Catherine Kitchens, harp

### Celebration of Community

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Crutchfield Family  
Westminster Choir

We Light the Candle *Nancy Raabe*  
We light the Advent candle. The light of Christ so dear  
Illuminates our darkness; God's kingdom has drawn near!  
This eve we light the candle bright  
As God's great love shines through the night  
That Jesus Christ was born.

## PARDON

### \* Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Clara Young

Leader: When we confess to God our sin, guilt and shame,

**People: Let the pardon of the Christ Child provide us with comfort and joy.**

Leader: When we disobey the Lord and turn to him for grace,

**All: Let the blessing of forgiveness in Jesus restore us with comfort and joy.**

### \* Musical Response

*Mueller*

Westminster Choir & Congregation

**Oh, bring us your comfort, Lord Jesus, we pray.**

**And pardon offenses, wash our sins away.**

**Let joy fill our hearts as we sing now this song.**

**For you, precious Savior, remove ev'ry wrong.**

# PRESENCE

## The Story of Christ's Birth Begins...

How Far Is It to Bethlehem? *arr. David W. Music* Cherub & Westminster Choirs

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star? Can we see the little child; is he within? If we lift the wooden latch may we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, oxen or sheep? May we peek like them and see Jesus asleep? If we touch his tiny hand will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

## The Story Continues...

Lift Your Eyes *Aaron David Miller* Westminster Choir

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sins and enter in, be born to us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Lift your eyes, turn your face, walk to the manger of the living God. Bring him love, bring him joy, he brings peace to the world.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. *(Phillips Brooks)*

## The Angels Appear to the Shepherds



Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Catherine Kitchens, harp

## The Sheep and Shepherds Visit Jesus



O, Come All Ye Faithful

Catherine Kitchens, harp

## One Star Shines Brighter Than All the Rest



## Precious Gifts Arrive for Baby Jesus

We Three Kings

Catherine Kitchens, harp

## Christmas Message

Shannon Dill

## POWER

### \* Christmas Assurance

Ansley Crutchfield

Leader: It was cold and Mary and Joseph were fearful.

People: **But that did not stop the birth.**

Leader: They were poor and had no place fitting for their child.

People: **But that did not stop the birth.**

Leader: They were uncertain about what God wanted for them.

People: **But that did not stop the birth.**

Leader: And today we are still sometimes cold and fearful, certainly poor in many ways.

People: **We often feel that we have no place and are unclear about what God wants of us.**

Leader: But these things did not stop the birth of Jesus then, nor will they now.

All: **Lord Jesus, be born in us today.**

## Offering

Welcome to Our World *Chris Rice*

Hearn Family

### \* Christmas Doxology

Glory be to God the Father

Glo-ry be to God the Fa ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly  
Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the  
gifts that you im-part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grateful heart.

### \* Prayer

\* **Candle Lighting**

The ushers will light a candle at the end of each pew. Please receive the light by dipping your candle into the lighted candle and passing the light to your neighbor.

\* **Carol**

Silent Night *STILLE NACHT*

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and Child!**

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing,  
“Alleluia to our King! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”**

\* **Christmas Blessing**

Clara Young

\* **Benediction**

Shannon Dill

## PARTICIPANTS

**Narrators:** Maria & Tony Barnhart

**Worship Leaders:** Clara Young,  
Anasley Crutchfield

**Mary:** Anna Ferretti

**Joseph:** Robert Ferretti

**Baby Jesus:** RJ Ferretti

**Gabriel:** Campbell Wiseman

**Angels:** Elliott McGoldrick, Sydney  
McGoldrick, Kaitlyn Schwartz, Rebecca  
Miller, Katie Miller, Madeleine Douglass,  
Caroline Samuelson, Caroline Wiseman

**Innkeepers:** Owen & Lilly Hamlin

**Sheep Shepherds:** Alex & Emily Wallace

**Live Sheep:** Chloe (from our friends at the  
Little Red Barn)

**Gathering Shepherd:** Thom Rabren

**Speaking Shepherd:** Marshall Douglass

**Star Angels:** Douglass & Pearson Vivian

**Star:** Catherine Fischer

**Gifts:** Sophie Fischer, Emma Rabren,  
Eliza Thatcher

**Harpist:** Catherine Kitchens

**Violinist:** Allie Hearn

**Singers:** Kelda, Gil, Allie, Elise, Carlisle, &  
William Hearn; Saint Luke's Cherub Choir;  
Saint Luke's Westminster Choir

**Costume Helpers:** Stephanie McGoldrick,  
Charlotte Wiseman, Taylor Vivian, Niki  
Rabren, Whitney Samuelson, Suzanne  
Thatcher, Susan Miller

**Stage Directors:** Kari Young, Celeste Fischer

## CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Steve Vance
Associate Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Phil Brown
Pastor Emeritus . . . . .	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
Director of Music & Organist . . . . .	Clair Maxwell
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Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,  
Les Woodside

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David Tharp, Allison Thornton

#### **Class of 2017:**

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Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,  
Pete Shelton

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### DEACONS

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#### **Class of 2015:**

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,  
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Krissy Williams

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Katherine Robeson,  
Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha,  
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