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GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

*We tell this story*



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve 9 p.m.



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## In Preparation for Worship

“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.” – *O Holy Night*

## Recital of Christmas Music

Lo, How a Rose  
arr. Smith and Snyder  
Michelle Moebes, flute

Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers  
Charles Peery  
Catherine Kitchens, harp

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
arr. Valdez  
Jacob Moebes, cello

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Processional Carol\*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels:  
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2 God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created:  
Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation.  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest:  
Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we great thee, Born this happy morning.  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.  
Refrain

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lesson** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

**Carol 129** Lo, How a Rose

**Lesson** Isaiah 61:1-11

**Anthem** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
arr. Barbara Kinyon  
Festival Ringers

**Lesson** Luke 1:26-38

**Carol 121** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Lesson** Luke 1:39-58

**Carol 113** Angels We Have Heard on High

**Lesson** Luke 2:1-7

**Anthem** The Friendly Beasts  
arr. Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir

**Lesson** Luke 2:8-14

**Carol 132** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Lesson** Luke 2:15-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Carol 119** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Homily** David Lower

### **Prayers for Christmas Eve and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **The Offering**

Variations on Pastoral Air  
Xavier Murshhausen

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- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,*
- 2) Give online via [slpres.org/giving](http://slpres.org/giving),*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## **Sharing the Light of Christ\***

### **Carol\* 122**

Silent Night

### **Lesson**

from John 1

### **Closing Carol\* 134**

Joy to the World

### **Benediction\***

### **Postlude\***

Sussex Carol  
Michael Helman

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