

# THE WAY OF PEACE



SAINT LUKE'S  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

December 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.



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## In Preparation for Worship

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.” – *Alexander Smith*

### Prelude

O Holy Night  
*arr. J.C. Hess*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Donovan, Christal, Aurora, and Alice Adams

### Opening Hymn\* 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

## Prayer for the Day\*

Emmanuel, God-With-Us,  
this is the night heaven's heart bursts open with joy,  
when you come to make all things new.  
We thank you, loving God, for the gift of Jesus,  
light in darkness and hope of the world.  
Forgive us for the times we lose sight of your presence and power.  
With all creation and with singing angels,  
we praise your name and rejoice in the birth of earth's salvation!  
*(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers. Amen.

### Song of Praise\*

to O Tannenbaum

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.  
Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Carol\* 113**

Angels We Have Heard on High

## **Scripture Reading**

from John 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Homily**

Love is Born, Like Always

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**

Away in a Manger

arr. Mark Hayes

*All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:*

*1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate as they are passed*

*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.*

## **Christmas Doxology\***

to Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart, as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

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

## **Carol\* 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

arr. Hal Hopson

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving\***

## **Closing Carol\* 134**

Joy to the World

## **Benediction\***

## **Postlude\***

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

arr. Dan Miller

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*\*please stand*

