



# Insisting on Hope

10:30 am  
Christmas Eve

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!  
DECEMBER 24, 2025  
CHRISTMAS EVE

**In Preparation for Worship**

"Fear may be loud, but hope is louder." - *A Sanctified Art*

**Prelude**

The First Noel  
*arr. Mary McDonald*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Dill Family

*Please respond, "Let us live in the light of the Lord," each time the leader prompts with "People of God."*

Leader: People of God,

All: Let us live in the light of the Lord.

**Carol\* 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!  
Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

**Carol\* 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 15:12-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

**Homily**

The Gift of Hope

Shannon Dill

**Prayers of Thanksgiving 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
*arr. Joel Raney*

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 in the offering plates 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 the tune of 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 to your holy presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

## Sharing the Light of Christ\*

*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\* 122** Silent Night

## Christmas Prayer\*

**Carol\* 134** Joy to the World

## Benediction\*

## Choral Amen\*

**Postlude\*** Angels We Have Heard on High  
*arr. Cindy Berry*





**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation! For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to [slpres.org](http://slpres.org).**

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to [prayerrequest@slpres.org](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).



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