



Insisting on Hope

5 pm

Christmas Eve

5 PM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
DECEMBER 24, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE

Prelude

Joy to the World

Mac Olive

Opening Hymn* 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The congregation is invited to sing.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"	Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"	Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Olive 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.

Song of Praise* 137

He Came Down

The congregation is invited to sing.

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFTS

The Gift of Hope

Music

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

The Gift of Peace

Carol 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The congregation is invited to sing.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

The Gift of Love

Special Music

Hope Was Born This Night
Ben McDonald & Dave Frey

Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss,
Cooper Waller, Wells Waller

The Gift of Joy

Carol* 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

The congregation is invited to sing.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!



Christmas Message

Shannon Dill

Children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps.
Children may return to their seats after the prayer.

The Offering

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss,
Wells Waller

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.
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Christmas Prayer

Christmas Litany*

Leader: I cannot tell you how the light comes.

People: **What I know is that it is more ancient than imagining.
That it travels across an astounding expanse to reach us.**

Leader: That it loves searching out what is hidden, what is lost,
what is forgotten or in peril or in pain.

People: **I cannot tell you how the light comes, but that it does.
That it will. That it works its way into the deepest dark that enfolds you,
though it may seem long ages in coming or arrive in a shape you did not foresee.**

Leader: And so may we this day turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces to let it find us.

May we bend our bodies to follow the arc it makes.

All: **May we open and open more and open still to the blessed light that comes.**

*please stand

Lighting of Christmas Candles*

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, Holy Night!

The congregation is invited to sing.

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 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.

4 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.

At the conclusion of the carol you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.

Benediction*

Postlude*

Deck the Halls
arr. Heather Sorenson

Special note:

While this worship service is intended for children, child care is also available if needed in Room 117.

