



Insisting on Hope

8:00 pm

Christmas Eve

8:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
DECEMBER 24, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE

In Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude

Carillon for Christmas
Brenda Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Favero Family

Please respond, “Let us live in the hope of the Lord,” each time the leader prompts with “People of God.”

Leader: People of God,

All: Let us live in the hope 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.

Carol* 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

AJ Favero

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Angels We Have Heard on High

Homily

Among Bodies and Breath

David Lower

Prayers of the People 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.

**please stand*

The Offering

What Child Is This

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 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, Holy Night!

Second Lesson* from John 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
People: **He was in the beginning with God.**
Leader: All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
People: **What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**
Leader: The light shines in the darkness,
People: **and the darkness did not overcome it.**
Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
People: **He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.**
Leader: He came to what was his own,
People: **and his own people did not accept him.**
Leader: But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God.
People: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

Carol* 134 Joy to the World

Benediction*

Postlude* Go, Tell It on the Mountain





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