



The hopes and fears
of all the years are
MET IN THEE
tonight.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE 2023

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023
7:00 pm**

Pre Service Music

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Entrance of the Light

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Christ is the Light of the World.

O come, let us adore Him.

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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Gathering at the Advent Wreath

Dennis, Sharon, Lauren, Ryan, Marissa, & Tyler McGrath

God's Word

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Invocation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthem

Fum, Fum, Fum
Youth Choir

Taylor

Christmas Welcome & Fellowship Registers

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Processional Hymn 41**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Anthem

Amen! Tell It on the Mountain!
Adult Choir

arr. McDonald

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

The Rev. Ms. Craven

***Carol 23**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Christmas Greeting

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Offertory Anthem

Hark! The Angels Sing!
Adult Choir

Davis

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Pastors

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing. . . .

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion of the People of God

Choral Anthem

I Wonder As I Wander

arr. Smith

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

arr. Eaton & Grant

Lisa Marcelli and Lauren Parsons-Lam, duet

Prayer following Communion (unison)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Great God of power,

we praise you for Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord,

who came to save us from our sins.

We thank you for the hope of the prophets,

the song of the angels,

and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

We thank you that in Jesus,

you took flesh and dwelt among us,

sharing human hurts and pleasures.

Especially on this holy night,

in this holy moment,

we thank you for again graciously coming to us in this Sacrament,

and for once more feeding us with the Bread come down from heaven,

even Jesus Christ, born of Mary. Amen.

Candle Lighting

When lighting your candle, please exercise caution. Dip the **unlit** candle only when lighting it from your neighbor's. During the singing of Silent Night, please remain seated and raise your candle when the minister indicates. ***Your candle will drip less if you hold it as vertical as possible.***

Carol 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

The Candles are Extinguished

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Recessional Hymn 40**

Joy to the World!

Postlude

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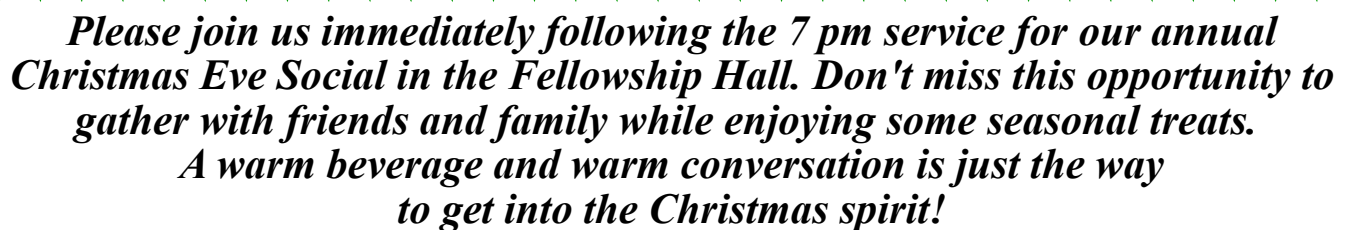
*Those who are able may stand.

Thank you to the musicians who participated in this evening's services:

Trumpet– Tim Aucello
Trumpet - Jimmy Boyle
Bass– Mike Carsley
Drums– Adam Crognale
Youth Choir
Adult Choir
Guest singers

Please stop by the tables in the hallway (next to the Church Office)
and pick up your **2024 Offering Envelope Boxes**.

Due to high postage rates, we will not be mailing them out this year.



Please join us immediately following the 7 pm service for our annual Christmas Eve Social in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with friends and family while enjoying some seasonal treats. A warm beverage and warm conversation is just the way to get into the Christmas spirit!