

## Christmas Eve 2022, 5:30pm – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

INTROIT Blessed Be That Maid Marie

*Old English Carol from William Ballet's Lute Book*

WELCOME

Rev. Tara Humphries, Minister

OPENING WORDS

Emily C. Jones, DRE

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

*by Erika Hewitt*

\* CAROL O Come All Ye Faithful #253

SCRIPTURE & SONG IN THE SHADOW THEATER

*Part 1 “The Birth Foretold” (Luke 1:26-32, 34-38)*

\* Angels we Have Heard on High #231

*Part 2 “Birth in a Manger” (Luke 2:1, 3-7)*

\* O Little Town of Bethlehem #246

*Part 3 “Shepherds & Angels” (Luke 2:8-20)*

ANTHEM “For So The Children Come” *by Sophia Fahs arr. Jason Shelton*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tara Humphries

\* CAROL Go Tell it on the Mountain #239

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Bow Down Mountain

*Daniel Pinkham*

\* CAROL Joy to the World! #245

\* CANDLE LIGHTING RITUAL

\* CAROL Silent Night #251

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia,”  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, child of God, love’s pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

\* CANDLELIGHT BENEDICTION by Jan Richardson

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS** today include Rev. Tara, Dale Churchill, Emily C. Jones, Dave Juers, Clay Atkinson, Tina Veilleux, our Bethlehem Puppeteers, and the A2U2 Choir. We are grateful for our tech & Zoom team, too, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!

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Tonight’s **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **Minister’s Discretionary Fund**. This is a designated church fund for community members in need of confidential emergency financial aid. You can learn more in our weekly Eblast. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Rev. Tara directly.

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**Christmas Eve Worship**  
*Lessons, Carols & Candlelight*  
*Saturday, December 24th, 2022 at 5:30 pm*