

## 24 December, 2023, 5pm – Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME Angie Dierks

OPENING WORDS Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE JeKaren Olaoya Erica Bartlett

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

\* CAROL O Come All Ye Faithful #253

STORY & SONG Judith Beckett, Rev. Tara, Finn Dierks-Brown

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)

\* Once in a Royal David’s City #228

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

ANTHEM The Jesus Gift

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Sarah Speed

MUSICAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Go Tell it on the Mountain

READING “Let us be that Stable” by Patrick Murfin

\* 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 "Coleman's Bed" David Whyte

\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

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Tonight’s **LITURGY** comes from A Sanctified Art LLC with words by Sarah Speed and her creative team. Learn more about their work at sanctifiedart.org.

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**GREEN  
SANCTUARY**  
CONGREGATION



**“We Make Room”**

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**Rev. Tara Humphries**

*Sunday, December 24th, 2023 at 5pm*