

# 24 December 2024, 5PM – Order of Worship

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude J.S. Bach  
The Swan Camille Saint-Saen

Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music  
Lauren Hastings Genova

### WELCOME

Rev. Tara Humphries

### OPENING WORDS

Emily C. Jones, DRE

### LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Terri Grover, Eli Grover-Wolff & Josie

Sackett

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

Steve Harris & John Howard

\* CAROL O Come All Ye Faithful #253

### STORY & SONG

Teagan Moon, Lucy Knowlton, 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)

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah A. Speed, adapted

### ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. Gerre Hancock

A2U2 Choir

### READING

by Rebecca Ann Parker

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Ave Maria Gounod/Bach

Lauren Hastings Genova

REFLECTION “Love Knows Your Name”

Rev. Tara Humphries

\* 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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**THANK YOU** to our **livestream and Zoom volunteers** who make this evening's hybrid service possible, and to our **guest musician** on violin, **Lauren Hastings Genova**.

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**LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME**

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

**Rev. Tara Humphries & Emily C. Jones, DRE**

*Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 5 PM*