

**A SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING
AND
A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
*Christmas Eve, 2018***

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Acolyte

Centering Words and Lighting of Christ Candle

Greeting:

Do not be afraid for see – I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

*Hymn “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” 240

Opening Prayer

Solo “*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*” Jackie McNeill

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Pages 607-608 (O.T.)
Psalter Psalm 96 815-816

Anthem “*A Coventry Carol*” Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20 Page 58 (N.T.)
Meditation “What Happened that Night” Rev. John D. Jordan

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Giving of the Bread and Cup

(Come down the center aisle to receive the meal and return via the side aisle picking up a candle as you return to your seat.)

*Hymn “*Silent Night, Holy Night*” 239

(During the singing of the hymn the acolyte will light his/her candle from the Christ Candle and as the light is carried from the sanctuary the person at the end of each pew will light their candle and pass the light down the pew. The person who is lighting their candle should tip their candle to the light to receive the light while the lit candle remains upright.)

Dismissal with Blessing:

Once we walked in darkness.

Tonight we walk in the light of Christ.

Once we wandered with no one to lead us.

Tonight we follow the Prince of Peace.

Once we felt lost and forsaken.

Tonight we sing the glory of salvation.

Once we were weary from toil.

**Tonight we are reborn with Christ,
through God’s glorious love. Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn “*Joy to the World*” vs. 1, 2 Printed on Back

(Let us carry the light of Christ into the world!)

*The Congregation May Stand

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.