



Christmas Eve



How does a
weary world
rejoice? We make
room

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Once in Royal David's City" arr. Lloyd Larson

Reverberations Bell Choir

*Invitation to Worship

one: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

all: Which shall be to all people, Hallelujah!

one: For there is born to you a savior, Hallelujah!

all: He is Christ the Lord, Hallelujah!

one: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

all: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Chalice Hymnal #148; 1&2

A Christmas Invocation

Rev. Amy Shoemaker

Advent Candle Lighting

Clair Poggie

one: How does a weary world hold onto hope, practice peace, spread joy, or know love?

all: How does a weary world combat cruelty?

one: How does a weary world shine a light into our bleakest night?

all: We do all these things with God's help.

one: For tonight, a child is born in Bethlehem.

all: Tonight, Christ draws near.

one: Tonight, we light the Christ Candle.

all: Tonight, we are not alone.

one: God is near. Love has drawn close.

all: Rejoice! For God loves this weary world.

Response

"Still, Still, Still" arr. David Brunner

Chalice Chancel Choir

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

On-The-Spot-Christmas-Pageant

Lesson

Townpeople (based on Luke 2:1-4)

Carol

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Chalice Hymnal #144; vv 1&4

Lesson

Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:5-7)

Carol	"Away in a Manger"	Chalice Hymnal #147; vv 1&3
Lesson	Animals	
Carol	"What Child Is This?"	Chalice Hymnal #162; vv 1&2
Lesson	Angels (Luke 2:8-14)	
Carol	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	Chalice Hymnal #150; vv 1&3
Lesson	Shepherds (Luke 2:15-20)	
Carol	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	Chalice Hymnal #153; vv 1&3
Lesson	Magi (Matthew 2:1-11)	
Carol	"The First Noel"	Chalice Hymnal #151; vv 1,3,&5
Lesson	Conclusion	
Carol	"Joy to the World"	Chalice Hymnal #143

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship

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*Doxology "O Come, O Come Emmanuel Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Amy Shoemaker

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Response "Come All You Weary"
 Broadway Band

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Share the Light Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*Closing Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"
 Chalice Hymnal #145; vv 1&3
 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
 Chalice Hymnal #677

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude "I Heard the Bells" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and John Baptiste Calkin
 Broadway Band

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