



OVERLAND PARK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve



Words of Welcome

Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

one: On this holy night, the peace of Christ comes not as silence,

*all: **but as good news spoken into the dark.***

one: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

*all: **And also with you.***

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

“O Holy Night” arr. Dennis Alexander

Julie Dean, piano

Invitation to Worship

Theresa Krebs

one: On this holy night, we come,

*all: **dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.***

one: On this holy night, we come,

*all: **eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.***

one: On this holy night, we come,

*all: **quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.***

one: On this holy night, we come,

*all: **singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.***

one: Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

*Opening Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Chalice Hymnal #148; vv 1,2,4

Invocation

Theresa Krebs

Prayer of Illumination

“Be Still”

Pastor Lisa Engelken

Worship & Wonder Story

“The Way to Bethlehem”

Pastor Lisa Engelken

adapted from the “What Do We Fear” Devotional, devotion for Christmas Eve, written by Rev. Dr. Boyung Lee

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

the Shoemaker family

Centering Song

“What Child Is This”

Chalice Hymnal #162; vv 1&3

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word in Lessons and Carols

Scripture	Luke 2:4-7 (Common English Bible)	Lois Wimpey
Lesson		Lois Wimpey
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Chalice Hymnal #144
Scripture	Luke 2:8-14 (Common English Bible)	Sally Withers
Lesson		Sally Withers
Carol	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	Chalice Hymnal #150; vv 1&3
Scripture	Luke 2:15-20 (Common English Bible)	Barb Collins
Lesson		Barb Collins
Carol	“Away in a Manger”	Chalice Hymnal #147; vv 1&3

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

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.

Special Music	“Welcome to Our World” by Chris Rice, arr. by Bruce Cokenroft	Chalice Chancel Choir
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Invitation to Stewardship Wayne Moore

*Doxology “How Great Our Joy”
Chalice Hymnal #170; v 4

Invitation to Communion Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

Communion Prayer Rev. Peggy Moore

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SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Share the Light Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

*Closing Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night”
Chalice Hymnal #145

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Terrell L. McTyer

please depart in silence