



this night, we are
THOSE WHO
DREAM
christmas eve

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Chuck Pickrel and Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Prelude to Worship

"Carol of the Bells"
by M. Leontovich, arr. Janet Van Valey and Susan Berry

Reverberations Bell Choir

Gathering in the Light of Advent

Pastor Lisa Engelken

Response

"We Light a Candle"

Emily Boedeker

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

one: This year, we dreamed of world peace.

*all: **We dreamed of deep breaths and restful sleep.***

one: We dreamed of love that lasts and suffering that passes.

*all: **We dreamed of doors open wide and a cure to disease.***

one: We dreamed, because to dream is to believe.

*all: **For to dream is to hope; to dream is to see.***

one: So make room in your being to dream yet again,

*all: **Of a world without fear, and a God that draws near.***

one: For it is almost Christmas.

*all: **Love is almost here.***

one: May we dream to see, and hope to believe.

*all: **Let us worship Holy God.***

Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119

Invocation

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

A SERVICE OF LIGHT: Lessons and Carols

The Coming of Jesus is Announced

In Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Peggy Moore
In Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. McDonald-Wood Tabitha Reist Steiner, harpist

Preparations for the Birth of Jesus

In Scripture Luke 2:1-5 Ella Perry
In Poetry "Che Jesus" Rev. Chuck Pickrel
*Found in Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource, Vol. 1-3 (United Church Press, 1994). Waiting on permission.
Anonymous, "Che Jesus," in In Essentials, Unity, ed. Edward A. Powers (New York: Friendship Press, 1982), 60-61.*
In Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Chalice Hymnal #144; vv 1 & 4

Jesus Is Born

In Scripture Luke 2:6-7 Courtney Setty
In Song "Away in a Manger" Chalice Hymnal #147; vv 1 & 3

Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds

In Scripture Luke 2:8-14 Christy Reiter
In Song "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Tim Whitmer Consort

The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

In Scripture Luke 2:15-20 Ella Perry
In Song "The First Noel" arr. McDonald-Wood Tabitha Reist Steiner, harpist

We Are Those Who Dream

In Scripture Psalm 126 Courtney Setty
In Meditation Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
In Song "Those Who Dream" by The Many The Many

Invitation to Stewardship Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Doxology "Noel Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication Christy Reiter
Celebration of Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips and Rev. Chuck Pickrel
Musical Response "Infant Lowly" arr. Bethany K. Smith Tabitha Reist Steiner, harpist

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips and Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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 Discipleship

Rev. Peggy Moore

Sharing the Light of Christ

Sharing the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips and Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Closing Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Chalice Hymnal #145

Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude

"Joy to the World" arr. Melody Bober

Julie Dean, piano

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