

**A Service of Lessons & Carols**

*Christmas Eve*

December 24th, 2018 9:00 pm

*\*\* Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

*Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Eve service this evening! We pray you will receive a blessing tonight as we reflect on and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love.*

**GATHERING**

**Ring of the Bell**

John Pilson/Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle

**Chiming of the Hour**

Westminster Chimes

**Prelude**

*“Carol of the Bells”* arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
The Bells of Bethel

**Welcome**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

**People: This is the night of the Holy Birth!**

Pastor: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

**People: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.**

Pastor: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

**People: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**\*\*Gathering Hymn 140**

*“Once in Royal David’s City”*

**\*\*Gathering Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

*“Christ Candle”*

Bob & Jackie Law

**Congregational Response**

*(sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)*

***We hon-or Me-ssiah with Christ’s can-dle flame***

***Our Christ-mas Eve can-dles glad tid-ings pro-claim***

***O Come, all you faith-ful, re-joice in this night***

***As God comes a-mong us, the Christ-ian’s true light.***

**Advent Prayer**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**“A Christmas Story”**

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 3:1-20

**Solo**

*“Adam lay ybounden”*

Eli English

**Second Lesson**

Genesis 22:15-18

**Hymn 63**

*“The Lord Is God”*

**Third Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Hymn 123**

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

*(verses 1, 2, 5)*

**Fourth Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Hymn 129**

*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

**Fifth Lesson**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

**Anthem**

*“Song of Mary”*

Bethel Choir

**Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2:1-5

**Solo**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Julie Turner

Luke 2:6-7

**Anthem**

*“Manger Songs”* arr. Lloyd Larson

Bethel Choir

**Seventh Lesson**

Luke 2:8-16

**Solo**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

The Goodsons

**Hymn 147**

*“The First Nowell”*

*(verses 1-4)*

**Eighth Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-8

**Hymn 144**

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

Matthew 2:9-12

**Solo**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Larry Edwards

**Ninth Lesson**

John 1:1-14

**Hymn 136**

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

The Candle Lighting

**\*\*Hymn of Sending 122**

*“Silent Night, Holy Night!”*

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon vir-gin moth-er and child! Ho-ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,  
Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.*

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight,  
Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born.”*

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Ra-diant beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace,  
Je-sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je-sus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light;  
With the an-gels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King;  
Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born.*

**•Benediction**

*Please leave humming Silent Night*

