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Dec. 24, 2020	Christmas Eve Service	4:30 pm
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Thoughts to Ponder Isaiah 9:2b

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Nancy Hauser

“Greensleeves”

Caitlin Lucic

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Caitlin Lucic

Welcome

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Caitlin & Julianna Lucic

Opening Song No. 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (*on screens*)

¹ O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

³ Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest! (*refrain*)

⁴ Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! (*refrain*)

Opening Prayer

Larry Klueh

We would make room for you this night of all nights, dear Lord, room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Listening for God's Messages in Word and Song

A Story for Christmas Bartholomew: The Woolly Sheep
(illustrated by Ross Koon)

Mary Koon

Hymn No. 134 "Joy to the World"

**¹ 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.**

Scripture Isaiah 9:2–7

Britta Augdahl

Hymn No. 87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

**¹ Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.**

Scripture Luke 2:1–7

Britta Augdahl

Special Music "What Child Is This?"

Caitlin & Julianna Lucic

Scripture Luke 2:8–20

Larry Klueh

Hymn No. 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**¹ Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**³ Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

Message "If I Were in Charge of the Christmas Story" Anne Fisher

Christmas Prayer Mary Koon

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Responding to the Light that Shines in Darkness

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts Mary Koon

Offering Music "O Holy Night" Anne & CeCe Klueh

Sharing the Light with the World

A Christmas Blessing Anne Fisher

At this time, feel free to light a candle in your home as we sing Silent Night and watch the slides of lit candles.

Closing Song No. 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

**¹ Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**² Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Al-le-lu-ia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"**

**³ Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, oh, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**⁴ Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Al-le-lu-ia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.**

Postlude Nancy Hauser

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Marimba: **Caitlin Lucic;**

Liturgist: **Larry Klueh;**

Vocalists: **Caitlin & Julianna Lucic, Anne & CeCe Klueh;**

Organist: **Nancy Hauser;**

Pianist: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Pierce Flanagan and Larry Klueh.**

*Have a blessed Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

The office will be closed on Friday, December 25.