

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
and
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christmas Eve 2017

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government
will rest on his shoulders; and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Come Lord Jesus, come!

Greeting and Call to Worship

Tommy Suttle

*Hymn 140 – *Once in Royal David's City* (vs. 1&2)

*Hymn 133 – *O Come All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1&3)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Suttle Family

*Hymn 123 – *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1&2)

*Hymn 147 – *The First Nowell* (vs. 1&2)

GOD TELLS US THE STORY OF HIS WONDROUS LOVE

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:15-20

Tommy Suttle

Children's Sermon – *Did You See That?*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

Hymn 115 – *Away in a Manger*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER *(responsive)*

The LORD be with you, **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the LORD.**
Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him.

**Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us.
Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.**

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that, as we receive this holy meal, we may be assured that the Child of Bethlehem is the Son of God and the Lord of Life who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Come forward by the center aisle, starting from the rear of the sanctuary.
Tear off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your pew by the outside aisle. Those needing assistance will be served in your pew.*

UNISON PRAYER

We thank you O God, that in your mercy, and by your grace, we are members of your Son, Jesus Christ. Tonight, on the eve of his birth, you have fed us once more and called us your own. Make our hearts a manger and our lives a mirror of your radiance and love; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD AS HIS PEOPLE

Scripture Reading – John 1:1-14

Joe Pack Arnold

Lighting of Christ's Candles

* Hymn – *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, 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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!**

