



Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Worship Service

December 24, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rocking

Sobaje

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!

Make a highway in the desert for our God.

From ages of old, no ear has heard, no eye has seen

one so glorious as the Lord our God, for whom we wait.

Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain and hill, made low;

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

God's anointed one is coming –

to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and to announce the time of the Lord's favor.

The promise of the Lord is sure;

the realm of God will be established forever.

† CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #133

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:

Lord have mercy.

Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

Christ have mercy.

Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Lord have mercy. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

† CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal #121

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“Awake in the Manger”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† CAROL

The First Nowell

Hymnal #147

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**. He was in the beginning with **God**. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

OFFERING

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

Adam

Patty Livesay & Carolyn McBee, Soloists

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

CANDLE LIGHTING

As the lights are dimmed, the minister will take light from the Christ candle and pass it to the ushers who will carry the light from pew to pew. Please share the light with those around you by tipping the unlit candle toward the lit candle.

† CAROL

Silent Night

Hymnal #122

(Please extinguish your candles as you exit the sanctuary.)

†CHARGE, BLESSING AND, CARRYING YOUR LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

GLORIA

Giamanco

†*You are invited to stand, as you are able.*



**WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY SERVICE AT
ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

May this worship experience deepen your faith and bless your family as we celebrate the miraculous gift of God's light and presence among us.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, or on Saturday evenings at 5:00 PM.

Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate here. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. MARK

St. Mark will be closed the following days to observe the Christmas, and New Year holidays: Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, and Monday, January 3

In addition, there will be no Saturday evening worship service on December 25 and January 1.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

It's Christmas! Give a gift to the Christ Child! Give to the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports retired church workers and their families in time of urgent need or emergencies (50%) and supports Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges (50%). Make your gift in honor of someone you love. Make out your check to St. Mark, noting the Joy Offering in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

GIVING FOR 2021

All financial gifts need to be delivered to the church office or postmarked by **December 31** to be credited to your 2021 giving statement for IRS purposes.



POINSETTIAS

We are grateful to the members of St. Mark who purchased poinsettia plants this year to beautify our sanctuary! Most will be delivered to home bound members. Additional appreciation is extended to the deacon volunteers who are delivering the plants -- you are the bright light and warmth of our congregation's Christmas spirit!

Many thanks to the following St. Mark individuals and families who contributed poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary through Christmas:

Joyce Blackwell
Mark & Stacey Caplinger
Glen & Joan Corlett
Alice Crippen
Laurie & Tom Dolson
Pat Eisenberg
Bertha Larez

Chuck & Patty Livesay
Pat Marshall
Mike & Marilyn McMillen
Kim & Mark Michel
Mary Beth Powell
Judy Richardson
Linda & Hugh Smith

Brian & Liz Sprague
Jean Steward
Nancy & David Sutch
Judy Vroman
Dick & Betty-Jo Wallace
Carol Weber
Dale Weir
Cathy & Don York

*Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve
Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley*



*Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso
Sunday Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Patty Livesay & Carolyn
McBee, soloists
Advent Liturgist: Victoria Sherman*

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Office Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.
*If you need to come in on another day, we encourage you to
contact the church office to make an appointment.*