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## **Celebration of Worship**

December 24, 2017  
Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

Light looked down and saw darkness.

**"I will go there," said Light.**

Peace looked down and saw war.

**"I will go there," said Peace.**

Love looked down and saw hatred.

**"I will go there," said Love.**

So the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love came down and crept in beside us. For weeks we have waited and prepared, and on this day we light the candle at the center of our faith. We name it for the One who is the Light: Jesus.

**Choral Introit (5:00)**

**Carol (9:00)**

***From Heaven Above***

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**Opening Prayer**

Rev. gretchen Sausville

**Prayer of Gratitude** (unison)

**God of all gifts, we thank You for the many ways You have blessed us. We are grateful for all the saints who are gathered around this table this night. In our gratitude and love, we remember Your humble birth into our lives and Your challenging message of care and love for all peoples. We bless You for this meal which strengthens us for Your service, as we share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. In Him, born this night. Amen.**

**Candle Lighting**

**Carol**

***Silent Night, Holy Night*** PH 60

**Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

***Joy to the World!*** PH 40

**Postlude**

***Still, Still, Still***

\*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**BOLD signifies congregational participation.**

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GG – Glory to God Hymnal  
PH – Presbyterian Hymnal

**The Prophet** Isaiah 52:7-10 OT 683  
**Carol** *Love Has Come*

**Time for Children** (5:00)

Children are welcome to come forward  
during the Time for Children

**The Birth** Luke 2:1-7 NT 58

**Carol** *Away in a Manger* PH 24

**The Angels** Luke 2:8-14 NT 58

**Carol** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* PH 31

**The Shepherds** Luke 2:15-20 NT 58

**Carol** *See Amid the Winter's Snow* PH 51

**Meditation** **FOR CERTAIN**

Rev. gretchen Sausville

**Carol** *The First Nowell* PH 56 (1, 2, 6)

**Offering**

**Offertory** (5:00) *Candlelight Carol* -Rutter Voice of the Spirit  
(9:00) *O Holy Night* Linda and Mary Stackhouse

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table of Christ**

Through lush farmland and bleak alleys

**sweeps good news of great joy!**

Through empty wants and desperate needs

**blazes a star to light our way.**

Through pounding turmoil and dazing fear

(Side A)

**sounds an angel chorus:  
Glory to God in the highest;  
peace to God's people on earth!**

Receive the news! Follow the star! Heed the angels!

**Through song and silence, word and wonder, let us make  
our way to Bethlehem, to the "place of bread," where  
God offers life to all people.**

**Carol** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Forrest Green) PH 44

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Everything is ready . . . .

**Words of Institution**

*We welcome to the table all who desire a closer relationship with our Lord, remembering that access is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Baptized children are invited, and even those whose trust is wavering—all are assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. Communion today will be done by intinction. As you come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup before partaking (wheat/gluten-free bread is available at the center station). If anyone is unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to him/her.*

**Communion Music**

(Side B)