If your child needs care during the service, feel free to leave and return as needed. A comfort room is located downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary.

Music Celebrating the Birth of Christ

Timothy Albrecht, organ; Brent Runnnels, piano; Glenn Chamber Choir;
Stephen Ozcomert & Magdalena Wór, Soloists; Steven Darsey, Director of Music

Introit | *Still, Still, Still* — Austrian Carol, arr. N. Luboff

Combined Youth and Alumni Choirs
Wes Griffin, Associate Director of Music

*Call to Worship — Rev. Susan Pinson

This night is one of profound mystery,
a night for unusual sounds and sights in the heavens.
This night is one of wonderful clarity,
a night for the blessed event of our Savior's birth into this world.
This night is one of far-reaching complexity,
a night for strangers crowding into a stable and
for kings starting on a journey.
This night is one of touching simplicity,
a night for receiving a gift and
for cradling God's love in our hearts.
And so we gather to worship on this best of all nights.
Christ is born! O come, let us adore him!

*Carol | *Angels We Have Heard on High* (238) — gloria

Lighting the Christ Candle — Wes, Cheryl, and Mason Griffin

The Advent candle liturgy was written by participants of the recent prayer writing workshop. We are thankful for those who give us the gift of words this Advent season.

Great and gracious God, during the season of Advent, we have sought your words and hoped to receive your gifts. We have been reminded of your great deeds for your people. We have asked for understanding of your words of prophecy and promise. We have anticipated the arrival of the Prince of Peace. We know that it is you who will increase the joys of the world and inspire rejoicing among its people.

As we celebrate the birth of your son, the child of prophecy now born for us, we ask that you be with us as we proclaim the Messiah's birth and declare his glory among the nations. Help us to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, and help us to be worthy of Christ's humble birth and ultimate sacrifice.

We have lit Advent candles representing hope, love, joy, and peace, and now we celebrate the birth of our savior by lighting the Christ candle. Together, as people who once walked in darkness but now see a great light, we pray:

Restore us, O God, and hear us as we sing to the Lord a new song. Enable us to be part of proclaiming the endless peace promised by the prophets in ancient times and now made possible with the birth of the Prince of Peace. Let your face shine on us so that we may be saved. Amen.

Christmas Prayer — Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers

Carol | *There's a Song in the Air* (249) — christmas song

First Lesson | Isaiah 9:2-7 — Rev. Blair Setnor

Gradual | *Mirabile Dictu* — Carol Ann Duffy

Glenn Chamber Choir

Ring out, ring out, the city bell,
So wonderful to tell.
Sing out, sing out, the Christmas Tale.
Mirable dictu (wonderful to tell).
A gift we cannot buy or sell,
So wonderful to tell.
Uplift, uplift the Christmas Tale.
Mirable dictum.

*Second Lesson | Luke 2:1-20 — Rev. Pinson

Christmas Eve Meditation — Rev. Brent Huckaby

Offertory | *The Holy Boy* — John Ireland

Mary Katherine Henry, Soloist

Lowly, laid in a manger, With oxen brooding nigh,
The Heav'nly Babe is lying His Maiden Mother by.
Lo! the wayfaring sages, Who journeyed far through the wild,
Now worship, silent, adoring, The Boy, The Heav'nly Child!

Leave your work and your playtime, And kneel in homage and prayer,
The Prince of Love is smiling Asleep in His cradle there!
Bend your heart to the wonder, The Birth, the Mystery mild,
And worship, silent, adoring, The Boy, The Heav'nly Child!

Dim the light of the lantern, And bare the mean abode,
Yet gold and myrrh and incense Proclaim the Son of God.
Lowly, laid in a manger By Virgin undefiled,
Come worship, silent, adoring, The Boy, The Heav'nly Child!

Herbert S. Brown

*Doxology — old 100th

*The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve (15)

*The Lord's Prayer (895)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Solo | *O Sleep Tender Holy Babe* — Words, Helen J. Albrecht; Music, James H. Albrecht

Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloist

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Communion All are welcome at Christ's table. We invite you to receive the elements by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. It is our United Methodist custom to use grape juice instead of wine. If you wish to receive communion where you are seated, please notify an usher. Both serving stations use gluten free elements.

Communion hymns:
What Child Is This (219)
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (218)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (230)
The First Noel (245)

*Third Lesson | John 1:1-5 — Dr. Rogers

*Sharing the Light of Christmas

*Carol | *Silent Night, Holy Night* — still nacht

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!

*Benediction — Rev. Huckaby

Worship Leaders Tonight

Preacher | *Rev. Brent Huckaby, Minister for Worship and Missions*

Liturgists | *Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers, Senior Pastor; Rev. Susan Pinson, Minister for Children and Older Adults; Rev. Blair Setnor, Minister for Youth and Hospitality*

Musicians | *Dr. Timothy Albrecht, Organist; Dr. Steven Darsey, Director of Music; Wes Griffin, Associate Director of Music; Brent Runnels, Pianist; Stephen Ozcomert, Magdalena Wór, Mary Katherine Henry & Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloists*

Chamber Choir | *Carrie Anne Wilson, Mary Katherine Henry, Anne Marie Smith, Kelsey Fredriksen, Sherri Ozcomert, Magdalena Wór, Karen Kolpitcke, Sara McKlin, Kelly Campobasso, Wes Griffin, James Turner, Sam McKlin, Brent Runnels, Stephen Ozcomert, Ron Smith, David McAlister, Tommy Sharp, Robert Figuora, Jay Champion, Ben Ladner*

Communion Servers | *Rev. Brent Huckaby, Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers, Rev. Blair Setnor, Rev. Susan Pinson*

Acolyte | *CJ McKlin*

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The Worship of God

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Sunday, December 24, 2017 | 11:00 p.m.

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