

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Silent Night (Stille Nacht)”

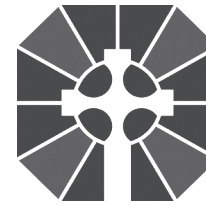
THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!



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compelled by Christ’s love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

Christmas Eve Communion Service

DECEMBER 24, 2020

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. David Wilcocks

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today we light Christ’s Candle.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:1-5, 14

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

People: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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HYMNS OF PRAISE

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

“He Who Is Mighty”

“O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and
the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

“Agnus Dei” arr. by David Hamilton

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“At Just the Right Time”

Galatians 4:4-5

Rev. Mike Haberkorn

TASTING GOD’S GRACE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Merciful Lord,

We confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

We are spiritually poor, but You are rich. Therefore, Christ came to be merciful to the poor and to show us the immeasurable riches of Your grace.

Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF PRAISE

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take these in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you. Feed on them in your heart by faith, and drink remembering that Christ’s blood was shed for you.