

# Carols, Candlelight and Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 | 5:30 PM

✠ Stand as you are able

Prelude *CAROLS OF THE SEASON* Tim Hendrix, Organ

Welcome and Greeting Each Other April Alston

✠ Carol 249 *O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL* ADESTE FIDELES  
Stanzas 1 and 2

Lighting the Christ Candle The Eller Family — Mike, Katie, Samuel & Karah

Response 243 *EMMANUEL* McGee  
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

Invocation Allan Smith

Scripture Reading *John 1:1-5, 10-14* Bill Baxley  
*Jesus, the Word and Light, comes into the world*

✠ Carol 277 *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING* MENDELSSOHN  
Stanzas 1 and 2  
*Children are invited to come to the front during the 2nd stanza*

Children's Moment *Luke 2:1-20* April Alston  
*The story of the Nativity*

Manger Reflection *"HOW QUIETLY"* arr. Raney  
Adult Choir with children

Carol 265 *THE FIRST NOEL* THE FIRST NOEL  
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:39-55* Elaine Hansen  
*Mary's song, the Magnificat*

✠ Carol 281 *WHAT CHILD IS THIS* GREENSLEEVES  
All Stanzas

⊕ Offertory Prayer

Lou Dawson

*Tonight's offering will be given used for a future Rise Against Hunger meal packaging.*

Instrumental Offertory

**"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**

arr. Court

James Tatum, Trombone and Tim Hendrix, Piano

Call to the Table

Amanda Atkin

Taking the Elements (by Intinction)

*Music during communion by Sue Newton, Piano and Tim Hendrix, Organ*

Carol

**SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**

STILLE NACHT

*During the candle lighting, please bend your unlit candle to receive light from a lit candle*

1. **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.**

3. **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.**

2. **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!**

⊕ Carol

**JOY TO THE WORLD!**

ANTIOCH

*Raise your candles on the 2nd stanza*

1. **Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

2. **He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love!**

⊕ Benediction

Amanda Atkin

Postlude

**"FANTASY ON JOY TO THE WORLD"** (Handel)

Tim Hendrix, Organ

*At the conclusion of the service, please extinguish candles  
and place them in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.*

*Merry Christmas!*