

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Reading of Jesus Genealogy: Matthew 1:1-17

Call to Worship

As we step into this Advent
we pause, we prepare, we will listen
to timeless stories rooted and connected not somewhere far away
but right here and right now that will shape our Christmas season
**In this Advent journey,
we seek to enter the stories,
God's living breathing Word
and become a part of it.**

The family tree of Jesus includes
men and women
voiceless and powerful
victim and perpetrator
ALL who were imperfect people – just like us.
**Through imperfect people,
God works to fulfill the promise to be our God
To redeem our world
and claim us as God's people**
Ultimately gifting this world and God's people
with a Messiah, a Redeemer, a newborn in a manger.
Help us Lord to be open to
listening,
looking,
talking,
and experiencing you this Advent Season.
Let Us Worship Immanuel together.

Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent Candle Lighting (Wilma Busaan)

Mary, a young woman, found favor with God,
and received these promises from God:
“You will conceive and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God
will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house
of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.
The child will be holy and will be called Son of God.”
Blessed is Mary, mother of Jesus, who believed that there would be
fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

**My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for the Mighty One
has done great things for us, and holy is God's name.**

God's mercy is for those who have feared God from generation to generation.

God's strength has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

Hear then, O house of David!

The Lord has given us a sign.

A young woman shall bear a son,

And shall call his name Immanuel,

which means "God is with us."

(Light the Christ Candle)

Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Reflection on Tamar

Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Reflection on Rahab

Song: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Reflection on Ruth

Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

Reflection on Bathsheba

Song: What Child Is This

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 (esp v.19)

Reflection on Mary

Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Song: Peace, Peace/Silent Night

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