

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

READING I

Reading "Noel" by J. R. R. Tolkien

"Carol of the Bells" Mykola Leontovych/Peter Wilhousky
The Park Central Ensemble

*Hymn #23 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

READING II

Reading Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #53 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Hymn #44 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

"Hodie Christus Natus Est" Traditional, arr. Megan Hook
Megan Hook, *soprano*

READING III

Reading Luke 2:8-14

*Hymn #40 Joy to the World! ANTIOCH

"The Work of Christmas" Dan Forrest
Beth Langley, *alto*

READING IV

Reading Luke 2:15-20

"Mary, Did You Know?" Buddy Greene
Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*

"Sleep, My Dearest Savior" Charles Ives
adapted: Kent Bradshaw
Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

*Hymn #56 The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

READING V

Reading

“I Will Light Candles This Christmas” by Howard Thurman

***THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT**

*As the light is passed, light your candle by tipping
it to the lit candle of the person next to you.*

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE 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*

***POSTLUDE**

“On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)”

arr. Quentin Thomas

As you exit, please leave your candles in the containers near the doors.

Readers

Michael Barbour

Susan Barbour

Rev. Sarah McTyre, pastor

Rev. Brigid Boyle, parish associate

Briana Vaught, ministry intern

Robert Allen, music director

Sandra Murphy, keyboard musician