

# He is Born!!!

## Christmas Eve 2021

### Chimes

#### \*Invitation to Worship

L: Welcome to this most magical night when angels and shepherds mingle and the birth of a baby changes the world.

P: **We come to celebrate with joy and wonder.**

L: Celebrate the light that shines all around us.

P: **We will sing and praise our most wondrous God.**

L: Let us kneel before the Christ child, who makes God's promises come true.

### Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Setting, D. Hustad

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Christmas Candle Lighting

L: This night, this night is a night to remember. A night when home broke in on us. A night when we were not forgotten or alone or abandoned. This night. This night is the night when here and there became one, when past and future combined in a breathless present. This is a night when we are home, in ourselves, in this family, in the God who loved us enough to walk beside us.

P: **In Christ we find our home.**

L: We gather in the night to proclaim the light. We shrug off despair and embrace hope. We set aside conflict and choose peace. We push away despair by claiming joy.

P: **In Christ we find our hope—our joy.**

L: We overcome hate by rising into love. Because this night we know, even in the shadows of our doubts, we know that we are loved. That's what it means to be home.

P: **In Christ we find our peace. In Christ we know God's love.**

#### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

**God, you spoke and your Word became flesh, breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world. Grant that we may bear the good news of your salvation, proclaiming your promise of peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

### Angels From God

#### The Christmas Story

**Luke 1:26-38**

#### Christmas in Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vv.1 & 3)  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vv.1 & 4)

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#### Christmas for Kids

### The People of God

#### Scripture

**Matthew 1:18-25**

#### Christmas in Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv.1 & 3)  
There's A Song in the Air (vv.1 & 4)  
The First Noel (vv.1 & 2)

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#### Christmas Reflection

Christ is Born in All of Us

#### Special Music

Do You Hear What I Hear?  
Chancel Quintet

Arr. Harry Simione

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Christmas Story

**Luke 2:1-7**

#### Christmas in Song

Love Came Down at Christmas (vv.1 & 3)  
What Child is This? (vv.1 & 2)

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#### Offering

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Setting, V. Fox

### The Nature of God

#### The Christmas Story

**Luke 2:8-20**

**Christmas Reflection**

Looking for the Sign

**Christmas in Song**

Joy to the World (vv.1, 2 & 4)

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**\*Closing Hymn**

Silent Night

(See below)

**\*Benediction**



**Silent Night**

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.



*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2021

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