

OLD NORTH CHURCH

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2023

6:00 PM

ORGAN PRELUDE

“He Is Born!”
“Christmas Suite for Organ”

John Behnke
Theodore Marier

OPENING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this town of Dumon. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are forever one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven. Amen.

A READING

Genesis 3:8-15

Scott Benell

*CAROL #173

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

A READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Nancy Gorman

*CAROL #133

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

A READING

Luke 1:26-38

Brianna Polbos

*CAROL #163

“Lo! How a Rose E’re Blooming”

A READING

Luke 2:1-7

Joyce Singh

*CAROL #155

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

A READING

Luke 2:8-20

Mary DeBie

*CAROL #171

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

A READING

John 1:1-5

Dr. DeBie

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“Bethlehem Now”

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

“Away in a Manger”

Paul Rutz

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY #164 “Silent Night”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Alfred Fedak

Merry Christmas



- Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**
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Welcome to Old North. *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more
information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

The Rev. Dr. Linden DeBie
Minister and Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director



THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Karen DiBella (2025) Scott Benell (2023) Carol Sushko (2023, 2nd term)

DEACONS: Brianna Polbos (2024) John Passarotti (2025)

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