



CHRISTMAS
EVE

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve 2022

5:00 p.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship Responsive Reading - Isaiah 40

L: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

C: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

L: A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

C: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

L: You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

C: Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

L: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

C: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

C: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #175 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn #163. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Luke 2:8-20

Meditation: "The Shepherds"

Hymn #180. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Meditation: The Angel's Song

Hymn #191 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lighting of the Candles

Hymn #169. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Hymn #171 "Silent Night"

Final Thoughts

**Closing Hymn #183 "O Holy Night"*

**Benediction*

Postlude