

+ Main Street



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December 24, 2017

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	December 24, 2017	
Gathering in Worship			
Prelude	Rise Up Shepherd and Follow	arr. Giamanco	
Greeting Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. People: And also with you! Leader: The light of Christ is with us. People: Praise the Lord!			
Opening Prayer			
*Opening Hymn No. 249	There's a Song in the Air		
Sharing the Good News			
Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	A Child Is Born	
Carol No. 218	It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (verses 1 & 4)		
Lesson	Micah 5:2-5	A Ruler from Bethlehem	
Carol No. 230	O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1, 2, and 3)		
Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Gabriel Visits Mary	
Advent Candle Lighting			

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Ron and Shirley Pate

Scripture Verse:

Luke 2:1-7

We light the Advent wreath again tonight as we remember. The first Advent candle is one of Hope, and we begin the wait. This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence, too. It reminds us that the people in the early church were also longing for God's presence. This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.

The second candle is one of Peace and reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world and that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is coming. This candle is a symbol of God's promise of peace, comfort, and strength.

The third candle is for Joy and to remind us that God wants us to rejoice, even when that feels hard to do. This candle is a symbol of the joy that comes when God is with us. The fourth candle is one of Love and the circle is complete. It is a love that has no ending, that lives on in young and old, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. All: Our time of waiting is almost over. May we as people of God proclaim God's greatness. May we see God in those who are weak, humble, poor, hungry, who come to God empty-handed and expect to be fed. May we pray for the Light of the World to shine into our lives, and then through our lives, into the darkness of the world. May the Word indeed become flesh and dwell among us. Amen.

Advent Candle HymnA Candle Is Burning (tune of Away in a Manger)We honor Messiah with the Christ-Candle's flame;Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.O come, all ye faithful, rejoice on this night,As God comes among us, the Christian's true Light.

Anthem	Fear Not Chancel Choir	McDonald		
Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	The Shepherds Seek the Baby		
Carol No. 245	The First Noel (verses 1 and 2)			
Lesson	Luke 2:17-20 The	Shepherds Return with Good News		
Solo	O Holy Night	Tamera Kittle		
Lesson	John 1:1-5	The Incarnation		
*Carol No. 246	Joy to the World	1		
Responding to God's Call				
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The Great Thanksgiving-Page 15 (As you return to your seats, please take a candle.)				
Departing to Serve				
*Closing Hymn No. 239	Silent Night, Holy Ni	ght		
*Benediction				
*Sung Response No. 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;				

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*Please stand if you are able.



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