

December 24, 2019

4:00 & 7:00pm

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

*** INTROIT: #173 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

All: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord

Leader: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all mankind!

Leader: Let us go now to Bethlehem and make known what we have been told.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

4:00pm **The Aitken Family**; 7:00pm **The Haight Family**

ADVENT SONG: *Light the Christmas candles now, Sing of donkey, sheep and cow; Birthday candles for the King, Let the alleluias ring; Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***CAROL: #146 “Joy to the World”**

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER: **Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Titus 2:11-14, p. 969

***4:00pm CAROL: #155 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

7:00pm Anthem: *“Hope Was Born This Night”*

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20, pp. 832-833

SERMON: Living with Emperors, Singing with Grace

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

*** DOXOLOGY: # 809 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

SERVICE OF THE CANDLES (We have battery operated and regular candles, the choice is yours) We will form a circle around the outer walls of the sanctuary and sing:

***CAROL: #164 “Silent Night! Holy 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.
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.***

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome!

All who gather here are welcome and included in the church's prayers for God's abundant grace. There is warmth and fellowship for everyone. Please help to extend the rich blessings of this church by signing the guest book in the front vestibule.

Service Participants

Reverend Catherine A. Merrill	Minister
Bill Dunbar	4:00pm Lay Reader
Megan King	7:00pm Lay Reader

Musicians:

Jocelyn Aitken	<i>Spoken Word</i>
Peter Bretschneider	<i>Vocals, Keyboards</i>
Sanjay Cherian	<i>Vocals, Guitar</i>
Jocelyn Jones	<i>Pianist</i>
Yifan Kang	<i>Vocals</i>
Jon King	<i>Vocals, Bass</i>
Megan King	<i>Vocals</i>
Melanie Levesque	<i>Vocals</i>
Cindy Perkins	<i>Vocals</i>
Cora Shaklee	<i>Spoken Word</i>
Derek Smith	<i>Electric Guitar</i>
Stephen Tamulonis	<i>Vocals, Percussion</i>
Daniel Tirnoveanu	<i>Spoken Word</i>
Yanelis Timoveanu	<i>Vocals</i>

*Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am