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**Thank you for contributing to a safe and enjoyable worship experience. Merry Christmas!**

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**5 P.M. Service**

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Mary Long

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**Ushers**

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The Church Office & LLP will be **CLOSED** for Christmas Tuesday, December 25th & Wednesday, December 26th.

We will also be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

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*Christmas Eve*  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The paraments are white, symbolizing the birth of the Christ child.*

**December 24, 2018/ 5 p.m.**

PRELUDE	<b>“Bring a Torch”</b> Ike Pitts, Piano	arr. Pitts
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
*CAROL 250	<b>“Once in Royal David’s City”</b>	IRBY
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
Pastor:	Christ is the light of the world!	
People:	<b>A light no darkness can extinguish.</b>	
Pastor:	Today, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.	
People:	<b>Today we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth—regardless of circumstance—reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.</b>	
Pastor:	On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know... He is born and nothing will ever be the same!	
ANTHEM	<b>“Patiently Have I waited for the Lord”</b> <i>from Oratorio de Noël</i> Jondra Harmon, mezzo-soprano	Saint-Saëns
FIRST LESSON	<b>Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19</b> God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.	Scott Rankin
CAROL	<b>Prepare Me One Body</b> Jason N. Brown, tenor	Roland Hayes
SECOND LESSON	<b>Genesis: 22:15-18</b> God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.	Carolyn Ham
*CAROL 196	<b>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</b>	HYFRYDOL
THIRD LESSON	<b>Isaiah 9:2, 6-7</b> The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.	Bill Ferguson
CAROL	<b>Prepare the Way, O Zion</b> Chancel Choir	Frans Mikael Fanzen
FOURTH LESSON	<b>Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9</b> The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.	Tim Hudson
CAROL 216	<b>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</b>	ES IST EIN ROS
FIFTH LESSON	<b>Luke 1:26-35, 38</b> The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.	Greg Youngmans
*CAROL 211 (vv. 1,6,7)	<b>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</b>	VENI EMANUEL
SIXTH LESSON	<b>Luke 2:1, 3-7</b> St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.	Meg Matthews

**OFFERING**  
Offertory

*Messiah Now Has Come*

Nolan Williams, Jr.

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.**

THE FIRST NOEL

**SEVENTH LESSON**

**Luke 2:8-16**

Jason N. Brown

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

**\*CAROL 238**

**“Angels We Have Heard On High”**

GLORIA

**EIGHTH LESSON**

**Matthew 2:1-11**

Rev. Meegian Gossard

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

**CAROL**

**Sister Mary Had a-But One Child**

Roland Hayes

Jondra Harmon, mezzo-soprano

**NINTH LESSON**

**John 1:1-14**

Rev. Michael Arant

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

**\*CAROL 234 (vv 1-3, 6)**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

ADESTE FIDELES

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*insert*)

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**219**

**“What Child is This?”**

GREENSLEEVES

**\*239**

**“Silent Night”**

STILLE NACHT

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

May he who by his Incarnation gathering into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 246**

ANTIOCH

**“Joy to the World”  
Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**