

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

2005

4:30 p.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

"Good News of great joy . . .  
to you is born this day a Savior Who is Christ the Lord."

Prelude

*"Silent Night"*  
Jacob Coffman, violin

F. Gruber

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the *Christ Candle*

Call To Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.**  
Sing to the Lord a new song.  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Carol 31

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Awesome God, we confess our fear to let down our guard, to feel the wonder, to believe the Good News. Why would love choose to live among us, who are so unloving in our words and deeds? Why would You choose to place Trusting Innocence in the hands of sinners like us? We are afraid to bow down, lest we be accused of sentimental weakness. We hesitate to embrace the joy, lest it turn to disappointment in the cruel realities of this world. Forgive us in Your mercy through Christ. . . (time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*Carol 44

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Reading: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

p. 780 in the pew Bible

Carol 49

*"Once in Royal David's City"*  
(verses 1 and 2 only)

*Gospel* Reading: *Luke 2:1-7*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

\*Carol 47

*"Still, Still, Still"*

*Gospel* Reading: *Luke 2:8-20*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*"A Christmas Lullaby"*  
Carol Choir

Jane Lindner

The Children's Story

"The Donkey's Dream"



Our appreciation and thanks are extended to our readers:  
Tristin Fidler, Rachel Hancock, Reed Bowling, and John Burke.

Greeters: Michelle, Jacob & Sydney Coffman and  
Tammy, David, Sarah, Rachel, David Allen, & Thomas Hancock  
Ushers: Karla & Tom Lewis, Carter & Donna Hudgins, Jeremy Fisher, Lynda Baer  
Chair Lift: Rick Banez