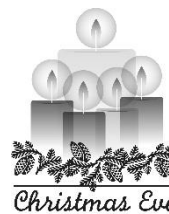




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*Chorus to Open Worship: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #133 Verse One

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 143:8)

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light.

People: Praise be to God, who has heard our cries for forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

Leader: Let us sing out praises to God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

People: For our God has brought us a light for hope, peace, and joy, and He shall reign forever and ever!

Leader: Tonight, in this place and in sanctuaries all over the world, we celebrate the Light of God's love, given to us.

People: And we see that light and it shines in our lives and may others see and come to know the light of Christ living in us!

Leader: Beloved of God, rejoice, the Good News is here.

People: Christ our Savior is Born, Hallelujah! Amen!

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

*Songs of Christmas Praise: "Joy to the World" #134

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #119

*Prophecies of Jesus' Birth - Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 23:5

*Songs of Christmas Praise: "Away in a Manger" #115

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles: Christ Candle Pastor Brett & Kathy

Response in Song: "Light a Single Candle" (see overhead)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-21 Page 1459

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14 Page 1509

Christmas Eve Homily: "A True Love Story" Pastor Brett

*Songs of Response: "What Child Is This" #145

Song of Preparation: "Come to the Table of Grace" #507

Communion

(Come receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation and then circle the church (bring your candle) we will light our candles and sing *Silent Night*)

*Closing Song: "Silent Night" #122

*Benediction & Postlude