

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

4:00 & 6:00pm

December 24, 2015

WELCOME

PRELUDE Charlene Radcliffe & Arla Stover
"Stars Over Bethlehem"

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Ziegenbusch & Webber families - 4pm
Darren, Tracy, Lauren & Kyle Anderson - 6pm

* HYMN 40

"Joy to the World!"

* OPENING PRAYER --Adapted from A Christmas Prayer of the
Worplesdon Parish

Lord God, Father of the same Jesus we gather to praise, be present, we pray, at our Christmas celebrations, and in these moments of worship which honor the birth of your Son. Make all of our gatherings fine and full; make our greetings sincere and our giving generous; make our eating and drinking a delight without becoming an excess; Make our hopes real and our fears small; Make our blessings remembered and our grudges forgotten. Make our faith alive and our idols discarded. Bring life to our relationships, both within our families and beyond them with the spirit of the Christ Child, and the truth of the risen savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michael Gewecke

* HYMN 31

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

(Page 1 in your Pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"Welcome the Child of Light"

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5

(Page 860 in your Pew Bible)

MESSAGE

Clint Loveall

Light for our darkness

A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

Leader: For the birth of the Christ child, we give you thanks.

People: Be with every child who is lost, hungry, hurting, and helpless.

Leader: For a young mother and an uncertain father who struggled yet believed.

People: Be with each family that struggles, and give them grace

Leader: For wise men who sought the truth and saw the light

People: And for the foolish who feared the truth and hid in the dark

Leader: For the working poor, who on that one night, were invited in.

People: And for all of those who go without, those who have nothing to give.

Leader: For the joy of Christmas, and the songs of angels.

People: And for the loneliness of grief and the heavy heart of despair.

Leader: For those who are filled with the hope of faith.

People: And those who are empty, full of only pain and doubt.

Leader: For those who are set free by the truth

People: And those held captive by lies.

Leader: To those who find Christmas

People: And those who need Christmas to find them...

Leader: Lord we find them all at the manger, we find them all at Christmas, we find them all in ourselves.

People: Born this day to all people, we find the savior.

SPECIAL MUSIC (6pm) Liz Steiner
"Breath of Heaven"

OFFERING
Offertory Adult Handbell Choir
w/Taylor Huseman, saxophone
"O Holy Night"

PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

* HYMN 60
"Silent Night"

After the Benediction, please carefully extinguish candles. Place them on the table in the narthex on your way out.

* BENEDICTION
(You are welcome to sit quietly and reflect or leave when you wish.)

* **Those who are** able may stand

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Many thanks to all for participating in and providing our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services music this evening.



Merry Christmas!



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