John Porter, Interim Pastor
Allison Maus, Associate Pastor in Campus and Young
Adult Ministries
Reed Dressler, Director of Youth Ministry
Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program
Austin Norrid, Interim Choir Director
Dr. Anthony Leach, organist





CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2023

## Christmas Eve 2023 Celebrating the Birth of our Savior 7:00 pm

**Prelude** "Fantasy on 'Veni Emmanuel'" Robert Lau

Dr. Anthony Leach, organ

Welcome Allison Maus

Call to Worship Allison Maus

Leader: Gather round for we have a story to tell:

People: A story of longing

Leader: A story of watching and waiting,

People: A story of love

Leader: Love drawn from deep within God's heart

People: which ends the waiting and fulfills the longing Leader: A story of God's love poured out over all creation People: It is more than enough to restore and heal the

world

Leader: Through this love we find purpose **People: Through this love we come home** 

\*Carol No. 88 v.1,2,6,7 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Prayer of Adoration Allison Maus

First Lesson Luke 1:8-25 Allison Maus

**Carol No. 108 v. 1,4** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Please remain seated while singing

**Second Lesson** Luke 1:26-45 Reed Dressler

Carol No. 98 v. 1,2,4,6 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" Please remain seated while singing

Third Lesson Matthew 1:18-25 Reed Dressler

Carol No. 129 v. 1&3 "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming"

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:8-20 Reed Dressler

\*Carol No. 123 v. 1,2,4,5 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

**Fifth Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12 John Porter

Christmas Prayer John Porter

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication John Porter

\* Carol No. 133 v. 1,2,3 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Sixth Lesson John 1:1-5,14,16-18 Reed Dressler

**Sharing the Light of Christ** John Porter & Allison Maus

\*Carol No. 122 "Silent Night"

Seventh Lesson 1 John 4:10-12 John Porter

\*Charge & Peace John Porter

**Postlude** "Christmas Has Its Cradle (PETHEL)"

Michael Burkhardt, arr. Dr. Anthony Leach, organ

