**Christmas Eve Service**
**December 24, 2025**
**3:30 p.m.**

**Prelude** **Diane Ritzema**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer:**

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, light in darkness and hope of the world whom you sent to save us. With singing angels let us praise your name and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**Angels From the Realms of Glory PsH 354 1,2,5**

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints and angels join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore their voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

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**Advent Candle Lighting:**

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.” Our long wait is over! Christ is born!
We light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that in Christ Jesus, Emmanuel - God with us - God has made a way. (Light Christ candle)

Through Christ, God has made a way for Hope, (light first candle)

Through Christ, God has made a way for Peace (light second candle)

Through Christ, God has made a way for Joy (light third candle)

Through Christ, God has made a way for Love (light fourth candle)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Luke 2: 1-5**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv’n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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**Luke 2: 6-7**

## Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.



**Luke 2: 8-12**

## While Shepherds Watched their Flocks v. 1-4

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
An angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all man-kind.

"To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
And in a manger laid."



**Luke 2: 13-15**

## Angels We have Heard on High v. 1, 3

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
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**Scripture: John 1:6-13**

**Meditation**

**What Child is This**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

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**Christmas Prayer: Diane Ritzema**

**Offering: Roseland Christian Ministries**

**Luke 2:16-20**

(During the following song, take your candle with you,
and move to the side aisles to circle the church.)

## Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down In a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

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***We will observe a time of silence while the candles are being lit. Then, please join us in singing the following carols:***

## 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.

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## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark!  The herald angels sing,  "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark!  The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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## Silent Night

Silent night!  Holy night!  All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!  Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace!  Sleep in heavenly peace!

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## Benediction

## Postlude