PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze"
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach J.S. Bach

"The Holly and the Ivy"

arr., Lani Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

Nancy Isham, Yvonne & Meaghan Greene

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not

overcome it.

Leader: Rejoice then, you people, for Christ's presence lives among us,

People: Bringing light to our world.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

"Joy to the World"

#246

WELCOME

Pastor Dennis Bromley

**CHRISTMAS ANTHEM** 

"All Is Well"

Michael W. Smith

Chancel Choir

**OFFERTORY** 

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr., Robert Hughes

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL

"The First Noel"

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VOCAL SOLO

"O Holy Night"

Adolph Adam

Sung by Bev Davies

**SCRIPTURE** 

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION

"News of Joy and Love" Pastor Dennis Bromley

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (Insert)

The Chancel Choir will sing carols as Communion is served.

#### RECEIVING AND SPREADING THE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

We will sing "Silent Night." Please leave your candle lit through the hymn and Benediction; then extinguish it before you leave the pew and place it in the box provided as you leave the sanctuary. *Never tip a lighted candle.* 

\*"SILENT NIGHT" (On screen/wall)

\*BENEDICTION

You are invited to worship with us on Sundays.

9:00 am Contemporary Service,

10:00 am Sunday School for pre-Kindergarten through Adult

11:00 am Traditional Service Staffed nursery available 8:45-12:15.

Questions? Ask an usher.

## **Tonight's Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dennis B. Bromley, Pastor Becky Sopha, Organist and Director of Music WORSHIP SERVERS: Thank you for serving!

LITURGIST	Lynne Martin
COMMUNION STEWARDSSa	ndy Nellis, Sharon Wagner,
Marcia Olmstead, Ramona Myers	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Phyllis & Gregg Heimall,
Bev Davies, Dave & Bev Hamman	
USHERS	S.K. Osborn and other folks
SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN	Wally Brown

**ASK AN USHER FOR** Large Print Worship Bulletins, Large Print Hymnals, and Children's Doodle Folders.

#### VISION STATEMENT

Believers seeking and sharing the character of Christ

Pastors: Rev. Dennis B. Bromley
Youth & Christian Education Director: Jennifer Courtland
Office Manager: Rev. Laurie McKinven-Copus
Music Director: Rebecca Sopha ~~ Handbell Director: John Reed
Praise Band Director: Jac Russell



# **Christmas Eve**

Candlelight Communion Service December 24, 2015 11:00 PM

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## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SILENT CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, in this season of hope and expectancy, we look at our own lives and confess that we need the miracle of your love and peace. Joy has exploded into our history, yet we do not know how to be joyful. Peace has permeated our planet, yet we continue to war among ourselves. Hope was born in Christ, yet we allow despair to consume us.

We seek your mercy, O God. Come among us with gentleness and power. Flood our darkness with your light. Fill our emptiness with your love. Break our silence with your word.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

- Communion will be served by intinction at the front of the sanctuary.
- You are welcome to receive a piece of bread and dip it gently into the cup.
- Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
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