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**Christmas Eve Service 2024**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Prelude

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Candles

The Prophet Isaiah said:  
The people who walked in darkness  
Have seen a great light;  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
On them light has shined.

**We come to welcome the light that shines into the darkness.**

Zechariah said:

By the tender mercy of our God,  
The dawn from on high will break upon us,  
To give light to those who sit in darkness,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

**We come grateful that this light guides our feet in the way of peace.**

John said:

What has come into being in him was life  
And that life is the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness has not overcome it.

**We come because this life is the light that shows us the way.**

The virgin will conceive a child!  
She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel,[a]  
which means ‘God is with us.’”

**God is with us**

God is coming into our lives in a new way  
The birth of the Christ-child is the renewal of hope  
It is love coming down to live with us.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Song To Us a Child of Hope is Born

VT 259

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-23

Song O Come, O Come, Immanuel vs 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 VT 210

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

Song Away in A Manger VT 257

Scripture Luke 2:8-14

Song Angels We Have Heard On High VT 249

Scripture Luke 2:15-20

Song O Little Town of Bethlehem VT 245

Scripture Luke 2:17-20

Song Joy to the World VT 240

Prayer for Christmas attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

Song Love Has Come VT 258

Prayer

Sending

Song Silent Night, Holy Night VT 244