

# **Christmas Eve Service**

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

Thursday, December 24, 2009

## **Welcome to United in Faith**

*The miracle happens in the dark.*

*A cold stable, inky night and tired shepherds----*

*all is jolted to a new awakening when God comes among us!*

*We, too, are greeted with angel song as Christ makes his way among us in an old story,*

*in miracle of bread and wine,*

*in the wondrous fellowship of flesh-and-blood people called together*

*to be a body for Christ.*

**WELCOMING MUSIC “Joy to the World”**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

**SONG ELW No. 283 “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful”** (cranberry book)

**SONG ELW No. 289 “Angels We Have Heard on High”** (cranberry book)

**SONG ELW No. 288 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”** (cranberry book)

**PRAYER**

## **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING Titus 2:11-14**

**KID’S TIME**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Silent Night”** (printed in bulletin)

**GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Silent Night”** (printed in bulletin)

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW No. 295 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

(cranberry book)

**NICENE CREED**

**PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**PEACE**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN “We Are An Offering”** (printed in bulletin)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*We welcome everyone to share in our Eucharistic meal. Anyone not wishing to commune is welcome to come forward for a blessing from the pastor.*

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW No. 277 “Away in a Manger”** (cranberry book)

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW No. 282 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

(cranberry book)

**+ WE GO IN JOY+**

**BLESSING**

**SONG** ELW No. 267 “Joy to the World” (cranberry book)

**DISMISSAL**

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding/Preaching Minister

Pastor Gregory C. Moser

Voice of the Turtle Musicians

James DeFrain, guitar; Dave Quillin, bass;

Kirk Marshall, drums; Halley Dirkes-Jacks, Jane

Schira; vocalist

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