

Candlelighting

Carol 91

Silent Night, Holy Night

German Carol

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.

Benediction

Jeff Raines

Postlude

The worship service from December 21 will be on television at 7 pm on Christmas Eve, and again at 5:30 am and 4 pm on Christmas Day. The broadcast is on KTBS 3.3, Comcast 208, or Suddenlink 722. It can also be viewed on KTBS.com.

Announcements:

Holiday Office Closings: Wednesday, December 24 - Friday, December 26
Wednesday, December 31 - Thursday, January 1

Year-End Contributions: If delivered in person, contributions must be in the business office by 5:00 pm Tuesday, December 30, 2014. If postmarked or filed electronically, contributions must be postmarked or dated no later than December 31, 2014.

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December 24, 2014
Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service
Tuesday, December 24, 2014
5:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music and Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* French Carol
Glen Adkins, soloist

*Carol 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* French Carol

*The Lighting of the Christ Candle Darcie and Jeff Raines
Mark and Bereket

*Call to Worship

Litany for the Christ Candle Jeff Raines and Congregation

Leader: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

Congregation: We are here to worship the one born this night in Bethlehem.

Leader: We light the candle of hope to remind us of the promises made by the prophets that God would raise up a savior for God's people.

Congregation: Christ is our hope and our salvation.

Leader: We light the candle of peace to remind us that it is only with God that true peace can be found.

Congregation: Christ brings the peace of God to us.

Leader: We light the candle of joy to remind us that God gives joy to every heart that abides in grace.

Congregation: As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus - so His birth in us brings us joy.

Leader: We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus is God's gift of love to us - and that in Christ, the light of love triumphs over darkness.

Congregation: Love transforms all those who give and receive it.

Leader: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.

Congregation: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

*Carol 94 (stanza 1) *Angels from the Realms of Glory* English Carol

Children may come to the front during the singing of this carol for the children's sermon.

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

Welcome to Worshipers Jeff Raines

Carol *Breath of Heaven* American Carol
Ladies Ensemble, Eric Vandiver, director

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 60:1-4 Rachel Ledbetter

Carol 106 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Polish Carol

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-35, 38 Katie Mussat

Carol *Gesu Bambino* Italian Carol
Leah Sayad, soloist

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Jesse and Ezekiel Harper

*Carol 85 *The First Nowell* English Carol

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 Clista Adkins
Ella Grace Williams

*Carol 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* American Carol

Meditation Jeff Raines