

CHRISTMAS EVE

SANCTUARY 9 PM

DECEMBER 24, 2025

A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS, LESSONS, AND LIGHTS

PRELUDE

Greensleeves
Good Christians, All Rejoice
The Carilloneers, Jeffrey Mead, Director

arr. Larry Sue
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WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Will Burhans

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Wilhoite Family

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Pilgrim Hymnal #132

*GATHERING PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, GLORIA

Rev. Maeve Hammond

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Congregation may remain seated)

Lesson I *Isaiah 9:2-7*
Luke 2:1-7

Aaron Kneiss
Sonia Kneiss

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Sandi-Jo Malmon, cello

arr. Timothy Kile

Lesson II *Isaiah 60:1-3; 18-20*
Luke 2:8-14

Ben Keeler
Georgia Keeler

Carol *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

PH #129

Lesson III *Isaiah 11:1-9*
Luke 2:15-20

David Carpini
Mabel Carpini

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High*
(vv. 1 & 2)

PH # 116

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander
Beth Welty, violin

John Jacob Niles
arr. Kyle Pederson

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION "Every Guest is Christ" Rev. Maeve Hammond

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(The Deacons will move down the aisles lighting candles. Please light your candles by tilting the unlit candle toward the lighted candle.)

CAROL

Silent Night

PH #138

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.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born. Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

(Please repeat verse one.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Will Burhans

*CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World!

PH #130

BENEDICTION

Rev. Maeve Hammond

CELEBRATION OF THE BELLS

The Carilloneers

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Joy to the World"

John Kramer

Special thanks to Beth Welty, violin & Sandi-Jo Malmon, cello.

Accessibility & Navigation

We have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil. Listening devices are also available in the back.

Special Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas special offering recipient is the **Re-Member Seasonal Fund**. Your donations will help families and individuals living on Pine Ridge Reservation, who do not have reliable access to heat during the cold South Dakota winter, source, cut, split, and deliver firewood and provide emergency electric and propane assistance and expand their garden program during the growing season. **Can you help us meet our goal of \$10,000 to keep our neighbors warm this winter?** Donate via Venmo, PayPal, check ("Re-Member Seasonal Fund" in the memo), or cash. Learn more about Re-Member: re-member.org

Deacons serving today are: Eileen Morris, David Page, Petra Sansom and Branda Wilhoite. Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician and Leslie French and Chris French for Slide Advancement.

Pledge & Offering

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