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December 24th, 2025

9:00 p.m.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT

PRELUDE

Anna Laura Page

“Christmas Medley”

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
People: *To you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

Leader: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.
Unison: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Session Members

*CHRISTMAS CAROL # 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*CHRISTMAS CAROL # 123

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7, Page 638

ANTHEM - Special Music by L. Monroe, R. Nugent., T. Leonard, K. Buie
“In the Bleak Midwinter”

JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20, page 58

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

Rev. Karen Allen

“Naming Hope”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

*...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

SENDING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CHRISTMAS CAROL #122

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

*All who are able are invited to stand

Announcements:

Merry Christmas everyone! May this be a time of joy, reflection, and understanding of God's amazing love and grace for all humanity.

We will continue to collect the Christmas Joy Offering this coming Sunday.

The Christmas season runs through Epiphany which is January 6th. May this Christmas season be filled with the peace and joy of God's love realized in the birth of the Lord and Savior. He has awakened in us a new way of treating and loving one another throughout the entire year.