

Assisting Tonight - Welcoming Team:

Lead – Chris Monk Lower Hall – Karen Monk, Gail Boulton
Welcome & Elevator – Doug Hitchcock Communion – Cathy &
Doug Hitchcock Balcony - Closed

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Thank you this Christmas Eve to our guest organist Robin Dalgleish.

**December 24, 2017
10:30 PM**



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*Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
Serving God and our neighbours in the local community and the wider world.*

Order of Service

Prelude

- Standing for all who are able
- **Call to Worship (Responsively)** from Luke 2, Isaiah 9 and Titus 2

Leader: Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people.

All: For unto us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: And his Name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all.

Leader: Therefore live sober, upright, and godly lives.

All: While we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Approach and Confession (minister), followed by the Lord's Prayer (all):

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- Carol **60** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Roger Esdon and Cathy Hitchcock

Offering

Offertory

- **Presentation of Offerings**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

- Carol **48** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Sermon: *Peace, Good Will Toward All*
Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

Anthem *For Unto Us a Child is Born* J. Purifoy

- The Apostles' Creed p. 918

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Distribution of the Elements – Worshipers are invited to come forward by rows as indicated by attendants

Prayer After Communion (in unison):

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, we give You thanks. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son to be our Saviour. He is our light, our hope, and our peace. In Word and Sacrament we have received him and know that your promises are true. Send us forth now in joy and peace, and strengthen us to walk in the way of Jesus, the faithful servant; in His Name we pray. Amen.

- Carol **67** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

- Benediction

Moment for Reflection

Postlude

