

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 @ 7 pm

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Priscila & Ennie Maria

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Brennon Cavanagh

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor Fernando, Isabel, Ennie Maria, & Priscila

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ronda Rathje

L: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

P: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

L: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

P: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.

L: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

P: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

*HYMN #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-3 only)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Ronda Rathje

Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives.

Tonight, we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we ourselves need to be ready. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives so that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world

so that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. AMEN.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:10-20 (CEB)

Pastor Fernando

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHRISTMAS DEVOTION

Pastor Fernando

OFFERING OURSELVES

HYMN #238 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Glorious God, as the shepherds rejoiced at the angel's news, we too bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread your good news of great joy to all people. Use them to bring peace, justice, and hope to our community and beyond. In this season of Advent, may our giving reflect the light of Christ, and may we be your instruments of love and generosity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

LIGHT OF CHRIST FILLS OUR HEARTS

HYMN #204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

The ushers will pass the flames to the first person in every pew, and that person will pass it to the next, and so on.

May we all take care to assure that we do this safely.

HYMN #239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Please, raise your candle carefully during the third stanza as a tribute to God's Wondrous Light, Jesus Christ, shining in our lives and through us to the world.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

All extinguish the candles. The sanctuary lights are turned back on.

*HYMN #246 "Joy to the World"

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



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Vision Statement

**"Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ
and in the local community to love God and to
love others"**

*"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)*

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