

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 of the Elements (*Communion by Intinction*)

Communion Music Poèmes évangéliques, Op. 2: II. La Nativité

(The Nativity)

Jean Langlais

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 122** *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

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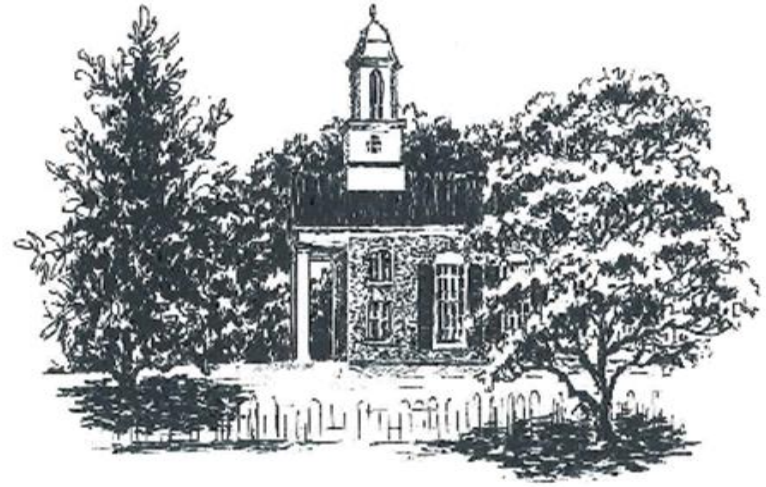
***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Nöel*

D'Aquin

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

**Christmas Eve Candle-Lighting Service
December 24, 2024**

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We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Silent Night* Wood
(The congregation is invited to use this time for preparation, meditation worship and prayer.)

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

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

***Hymn** 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1,4) CRADLE SONG

Lighting of the Advent Candles Tillman Family

Invitation to Confession

The angels proclaim good news for all. Let us confess the sins that keep us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

Christmas Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to celebrate, yet we struggle to find hope in the suffering and despair of our world. What reason is there to rejoice? We turn from each other and from you, questioning the power of love in the face of the world's cruelty and hate. Comfort your people, sovereign God. Return us to the faith born this night. Save us from hopelessness. May the promise and possibility of every newborn child remind us of the salvation we have in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.”
(Psalm 103:17) Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption**

***Gloria Patri**

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1, 2) CAROL

Homily “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Hymn** 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

Sacrament of Communion

Communion

Invitation to Communion