

Christmas Eve

EVENING SERVICE

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Mary Mackie

Christmas Medley... John Barr

Poem · “every year” read by Melissa Seaton

By Rev. Sarah Are

Opening Prayer

* ♪ **Carol** · O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 41

Welcome

The First Lesson · Art Walton

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 1072)

Reading · “Into Our World”

From the Iona Community

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

“A Gaelic Rose” (“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”)... arr. Mark Hayes

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist; Julie Larson,

flute

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The Second Lesson · Bob Kraut

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 1497)

Reading · “Getting to the Front of the Stable”

By Ann Weems

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* ♪ **Carol** · O Little Town of Bethlehem

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The Third Lesson · Suzanne Yee

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 1590)

Reading · “And Did It Happen?”

From Cloth for the Cradle

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

Were You There on That Christmas Night?... Natalie Sleeth

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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The Fourth Lesson · The Rev. Renée Rico

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14 (pg. 1591)

Reflection

* ♪ **Carol** · Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 23

Christmas Prayer

♪ **Solo** · Leland Morine

O Holy Night... Adolphe Adam

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Michele and Chris Johnson

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The Fifth Lesson · Lou Pennebaker

Scripture: John 1:1-5 (pg. 1645)

Poem · How the Light Comes: A Blessing for
Christmas Day

Sharing the Light

(Please tip your unlit candle toward the lit candle next to you. Then turn to your neighbor and keep your candle upright as they tip their unlit candle toward yours. After "Silent Night" has been sung, please extinguish your candle. When you exit the sanctuary, you may place your candle in the basket provided for that purpose.)

* 🎵 **Carol** · Silent Night, Holy Night
No. 60

* **Benediction**

🎵 **Organ Postlude** · Mary Mackie
Regent Square... Michael Higgins

