### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Don Ludwia

# OFFERING PIANO INTERLUDE

Silent Niaht

By Children's Choir and Aron and Samuel Racho on guitars

## **CANDLE LIGHTING**

(The minister lights his candle from the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always upright when giving light to one another.)

# \*CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night! #122

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sign Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face. With dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

## BENEDICTION

(As the lights come up, you are invited to put out your candle in a bowl of water and stand for the Sending Carol)

## \*SENDING CAROL

Go. Tell It on the Mountain #136

#### Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth Refrain

Southminster invites you to join us for Weekly Family Worship Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

We offer Family Life Programs for everyone - Sundays at 10:15am

- Children with Bunny & Judith in the Children's Wing - Middle Schoolers with Kathy in the Red Room - High School Youth with Don in the Loft - Many other opportunities

Special events include - Easter Egg Hunt - Family BBQ - Frog Camp (June 26-30, Vacation Church Week for kids) - Jr. High Youth Group Overnights & San Juan Bike Trip -Sr. High Youth Group Mission Trip, Blanchet House service and more! Join us.



OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

Saturday, December 24, 2022 5:00pm



# FOR REFLECTION

Christina Rosetti

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part. Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart."

# MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Kenn Willson

# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Jenn Winquist, Director Little Donkey Hark the Herald Angels Sing Joy to the World

# **WELCOME**

Rev. Don Ludwig

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The star shining on the innkeepers shed;

# Sunshine glistening off the deafening cold of winter snow:

Candles lit in displays of solidarity with those in mourning:

# Give tangible witness to the prophet's claim that light shines in the darkness, now and forever.

May we come to worship in joyful celebration of the light, whom we call Jesus, the Christ.

Amen.

#### **CAROL**

Joy to the World #134

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

# \*CHRISTMAS LITANY

This is a night for stories...for silence, for songs...especially a night for wonder.

There are stories of wondrous events all around us: stories of gift giving; of generous hearts; of hope coming to lonely and frightened people. Most wondrous of all is the story of God touching the earth...

That most wonderful story of all is the story of the tender touch of God - light as an angel's wing; sure as a shepherd's step; strong as a camel's back....loving as a new Mother's smile...God touching the earth...

God touching humankind...God's presence here among and within us...

That touch of God that says love lives here on earth...love is born and reborn...love is forever...and all God's children can live in Peace! Rejoice! Alleluia!

Let us worship and praise the God of Love.

# \*GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of God be with you - this night and always.

And also with you.

# **BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Don Ludwig

# THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Welcome to Bethlehem

Narrator: Rev. Bunny Oliver

Gospel Readers: Evelyn Standish, Samuel Racho, Julia Mouzong

## **CAROL**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#121

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by,

Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

### **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:1-7

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Away in the Manager

# **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

## **CAROLS**

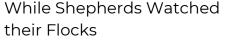
We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King for ever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!



While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,

All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind: "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and humankind.""

## **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:8-14

## **CAROLS**

O Come, All Ye Faithful #133

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

# O Come, O Come Emmanuel #88

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

# **REFLECTIONS**

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

