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## “SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST”

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service*

December 24, 2015

**LARGE PRINT**



CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE  
7:00pm



~SERVING THIS EVENING~  
Head Ushers - The Bob Brueckner Family  
Liturgist - Nancy Casanova  
Organist - Eula Gowan ~ Choir Director - Marilyn Williams  
Pastor - Rev. Jeff Glandon

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† Please stand as you are able

P=People

L= Liturgist

**Prelude:** *Medley of Carols*

**Bringing in the Light**

**Lighting of Altar Candles, all Advent candles and the Christ candle.** Betty Brueckner

**ALL:** Jesus, be born in our hearts and fill us with Your *Love*. As we light these candles, we celebrate Your birth. You are the light of the world, our Faith, Hope and Joy. You came into a world of darkness and sin to save us. Because of You, we are now called children of the light. Help us to live lives worthy of Your *Love*. Amen.

**Choir Anthem**

**Welcome:** Pastor Jeff Glandon

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Sourcebook

L: O Come, O Come, Immanuel

P: **And be light for our darkness.**

L: Be comfort in our grief.

P: **A guide for our path.**

L: Be a friend for our loneliness.

P: **An oasis for our searching.**

L: O Come, O Come, Immanuel

**All: Restore our joy, heal our wounds and bring us peace.**

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

**ALL:** Holy God, come into this holy night with stars to light our way to the cradle of peace. Come with angels to sing us to a deep joy. Come to this moment and open our hearts so we may hear the familiar story new and fresh. Surprise us and remind us that the child in the manger is Immanuel....God with us, now and always. Amen.

† Opening Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” # 90 (R)

Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 9: 1-7* Nancy Casanova

Hymn of Response: “*Away in a Manger*” # 93 (R)

Special Scripture Reading: *Luke 2: 1-20* Pastor Jeff

Christmas Message: “*Our Journey to Bethlehem*” Pastor Jeff

Hymn: “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” # 99 (R)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

† DOXOLOGY

**ALL:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

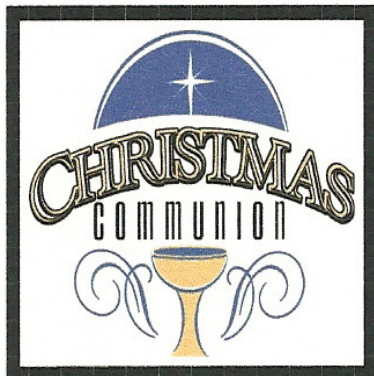
† PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**ALL:** Loving Father, you gave us the Christmas gift, the gift of Jesus, the gift who keeps giving. Please accept our gifts this Christmas; the gifts of our time, talents, money, resources and most of all, Your *Love*. Use these gifts and use us in furthering Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, with peace on earth and good will to all.....

THE LORD’S PRAYER Debts & Debtors

## Invitation to Communion

Sharing Christ through Bread and Wine/Grape Juice: *The Inner Circle is Grape Juice, the Outer Circle is Wine.*



***Please remain seated. Communion will be served to each row. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are invited to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. PLEASE HOLD YOUR BREAD AND WINE, so that after it is distributed, we may all partake of the Sacraments together. You may place your communion cup in the container in the front of your pew, after we have received communion.***

Special Music: "Mary, Did You Know"

Bob Johnson

*The Ushers will light the first candle in each row taking the light from the Christ Candle in the center of the Advent wreath and each person will share their light with the next one in their pew.*

**REMINDER:** *Please light the UNLIGHTED candle from the person's candle which has already been lit.*

*Pastor Jeff will announce when all the candles are lit*

† PLEASE RISE AND JOIN TOGETHER IN SINGING: **Silent Night**

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.

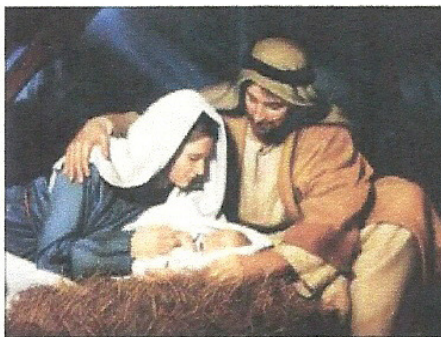
Silent Night, Holy Night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure Light, Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Benediction          Pastor Jeff

Dismissal:          *Go Now in Peace, Never Be Afraid,  
Go Now in Peace, in Faith and in Love.*

Postlude: *Medley of Carols*



*Have a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas!*