

It reminds us that even a small spark can  
illuminate a large room.  
This flame of Christ has come to earth.  
It lives inside you.  
It glows from the faces of those around you.  
The flame of Christ to which this candle points  
glows in the shadows  
and the shadows will not overcome it.

Hymn: *Silent Night*

- 1 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
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- 3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.



DEC 24, 4:30 PM

# CHRISTMAS EVE

***We celebrate that Christ has come into our world  
by worshipping in our homes.***

*\*Two options:*

1. *Join in live at 4:30pm via Zoom/phone*
2. *Use this liturgy to lead your own worship in your home*

*You can either use your regular phone or your internet to connect.*

*To call in: dial: 1 301 715 8592, then use Meeting ID: 837 1646 7306 and Passcode: 871068. To use internet and receive video use the link emailed.*

*To prepare for live worship you will need:*

- *Communion elements (plain bread/crackers and juice/wine)*
- *Candle and lighter/match*
- *\*Please contact the church if you need these delivered by Dec 20\**

*Order of Worship*

Greetings of Merry Christmas

Gospel: Luke 2

Proclamation: by The Rev. Steve Jerbi  
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The people have stumbled in the abyss for so long but now have their paths illuminated. For those dwelling in a land of deep shadows, radiance shines forth.

In the beginning, when the world was in chaos, the divine Spirit hovered over the waters. In that same beginning, there was the Word; and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God.

God brought forth the bright blessed day and the dark sacred night and declared them to be good.

In the fullness of time, the Word, that divine shine, put on flesh to stay among us. And we saw the Word's glory, filled with grace, filled with truth.

In Jesus, brilliance illuminated the world, and the shadows did not overcome it.

We have been given the gift of glow. Sometimes it is a flicker and sometimes it is a blaze, but the divine shine is within us; it is what we carry into the world.

The places of shadows and stumbling yearn for the radiant beams we carry, this holy night.

Communion

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 trespasses, 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.

Prayer:

Loving God, on this holy night, we remember that you came to be among us in Jesus' birth. As we celebrate tonight in a way that differs from our tradition, help us all the more to know you are present with us here, now, and always. Amen.

Litany of Light:

This is the flame of Christ.  
Receive this brightness and share it.  
*All light their candles*  
It banishes the shadows where fear lies and suspicion grows.  
Its glow gives us hope and love.