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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“On Christmas Night”
Lydia Bratcher and Daniel Farris, *piano*

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Call to Worship

Matt Rosencrans

O, let us keep vigil,
Here, among the stars,
Here, where the winds sigh softly
And the distant horizon glows
With lanterns and with candles.

— C.W. Christian, *Vigil*

Hymn, No. 103

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Stanzas 1 and 4

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Sharon and Dan McNeil

“Gesù Bambino”

Carmen Conaway, *soprano* and Lise Uhl, *soprano*

Mary E. Caldwell

Luke 1:26-38

Zoe McKeever

Hymn, No. 110

“Away in a Manger”
Stanzas 1 and 3

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Mary Ann and Don Cook

Hymn, No. 132

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Matthew 1:18-24

Scott Turner

Hymn, No. 107

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Carmen and Erin Conaway
Alex Conaway, Sam Conaway
Debbie and Kirk Brassfield

Hymn, No. 102

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Luke 2:8-15

Ava Farris

Hymn, No. 125

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Lighting the Candle of Love

Kay and David Pennington

Hymn, No. 127

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Stanzas 1 and 3

Luke 2:1-7

Jun Hatakeyama

Hymn, No. 124

“The First Nowell”
Stanzas 1 and 4

Children’s Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

All children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Charles Adam
arr. Mark Hayes

Edgar Sierra, *tenor*

Pastoral Prayer

Erin Conaway

Lighting the Christ Candle

Julianne and Robert Best
Katherine Best, Jess Best

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Daniel Farris, *bass*

“Silent Night”

As the music begins, please make your way to the outside walls of the Sanctuary.

We will pass the light of Christ from candle to candle.

*When passing the light, please hold the lit candles upright
and angle the candles receiving the light.*

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.

Glory streams 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.

Blessing

Erin Conaway

Today at Seventh

The Artwork on the Cover is by Rebecca Ward.

Caritas Donations: Please leave your donations for Caritas in the Narthex around the table.

Christmas Ornaments: As a tradition at Seventh, each family is given a Christmas ornament as a memory of this special season. Please go to the center door toward the foyer, and please take one ornament per family.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.