Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude Welcome Greeting Announcements

"Hymn: "Oh Holy Night"

Lighting of the Christ Candle by Autumn & Taylor Hansen
Singing Verse 5 of the Advent Candle Song TFWS #2090

Hymn of Preparation: "Angels we have Heard on High" UMH #238 2 verses

Call to Worship Lectionary: Roger Hladik
L: He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!
P: Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!
L: He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!
P: Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.
L: O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!
P: We are ready to receive you in our lives! AMEN.

Opening Prayer (In unison) God of Surprising Love and Hope, we come this evening to the manger, gazing lovingly on the Child born to bring hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as we hear the story anew. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ, that we may truly feel the power of your love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Special Music: "Mary, Did you Know" Beau Wolfe

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Matthew 1: 18-24 Shirley Nelson

Children's Story: JoLynne Reimert

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7 "Away in a Manger" UMH #217 vs 1
Luke 2: 8-20 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH #229 vs 1&2

Sermon: "Born in a Manger" Shirley Nelson

God Calls Us to Respond

Christmas Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "Hallelujah" Beau Wolfe and Choir singers
Congregation invited to join in on chorus

Closing Hymn and Sharing the Light "Silent Night" UMH#239