

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able. **Bold** type indicates congregational response.

Prelude	<i>“One Small Child”</i>	Ann Bremner
Welcome		Rev. Weeks
*Call to Worship		Frances Stanley
One:	We remember the Advent journey. We sought Hope in the darkness. We longed for Peace in our world.	
Many:	The light of Hope and the light of Peace now shine brightly among us.	
One:	We embrace the promise of Joy that the angels announced. We bask in the reality of God’s boundless Love given to us.	
Many:	Our Joy is made complete, for Love has a name: Jesus.	
One:	Tonight, we light the Christ Candle, the center of our celebration. The divine light has arrived in a humble manger.	
Many:	In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people.	
All:	Come, let us worship the newborn King! Come, let us celebrate the Heart of Christmas: Jesus, our Hope, our Peace, our Joy, and our Love!	

***Opening Prayer**

***Lord’s Prayer (Unison)**

*Prayer Response	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 36
*Carol	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 119

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2; 6-7	Tristan Goodman
Lighting of the First Candle of Advent		
Carol	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 148

Second Lesson	Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9	Gen Bohannon
Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent		
*Carol	<i>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 164

Third Lesson	Luke 1:26-35; 38	Kristen Wilton
Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent		

Carol	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 144
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Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:1;3-7	Melissa Chouinard
Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent		

Special Music	<i>“Light of the World”</i>	
Ben, Brenna, Carrie and Michael Peterman, John Weeks, and Kristen Wilton		

Children’s Sermon		Meredith Baugher
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Fifth Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	Michael Abbate
Lighting of the Christ Candle		

*Carol	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 143
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CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation		Rev. Weeks
Message	<i>“The Heart of the Christmas”</i>	
Communion Hymn	<i>“The First Noel”</i>	<u>CH</u> # 151
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Claudia Wells
(All Christians are welcome. Please take the bread and cup in unison.)		

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Christmas Prayer		Words on screen
(Please exit the sanctuary and gather around the manger)		
*Closing Carol	<i>“Silent Night, Holy Night”</i>	Text on back page

Silent Night, Holy Night

Maggie Chouinard - Violin, Carrie Peterman - Viola, Michael Peterman - Guitar

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.

Participants may leave silently following the singing of Silent Night.

Please extinguish your candles and turn them in as you depart.

Poinsettias may be taken home tonight.

Merry Christmas!

Worship Leaders: Elder: Claudia Wells **Welcome team:** Laryssa and Will Smith,
Caitlin and Eric Dodds, Morgan Abbate; **Fellowship Hall:** John Sturgeon

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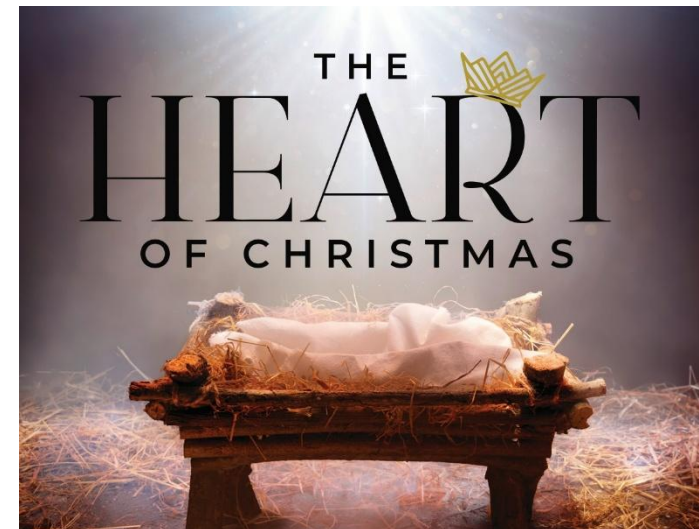
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Ann Bremner, Organist

Kathleen Prettyman, Office Administrator

Rev. Frances Stanley, Associate Minister

Rev. Don Richardson, Minister Emeritus



A Service of Lessons and Carols
Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Slash Christian Church (DCC)