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CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

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HYMN 283: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ANTHEM: "Coventry Carol"

Sung by Ellen Bondi

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm Hymn 267: "Joy to the World"

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Sermon

HYMN 279: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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SENDING

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Postlude

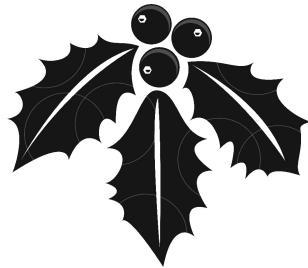
A blessed Christmas to all who have come to worship on this holy night. May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

Our celebration of Christ's birth continues tomorrow as we gather at 10:00 a.m. for "limited" Worship. Pre-registration, unfortunately, was required.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Non-communing children will receive a blessing. If you wish communion but are unable to come forward, please inform the usher and Pastor Jeff will come to your pew.

There are so many people to **"thank"** who have contributed so much to our worship experience this evening. We thank those who made the music, those who participated in our worship service in any way, those who decorated the church sanctuary, those who donated towards the purchase of Christmas flowers. All of you have blessed us richly with your gift of time and talent. **God bless you all!**

Your special "Christmas Offerings" have been designated to support the work of the Kiwanis CJCS Christmas Basket Fund and Zion's Current Fund. Thank you for your gifts.



MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE & ALL!!

**MAY YOU ENJOY
A
SAFE & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!!**