

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS EVE
THE LIGHT IS AMONG US



“Arise, shine, for your light has come.” Isaiah 60:1

GREETING

First Lesson - Luke 1:1-4

GATHERING PRAYER

Carol: #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

THE WITNESS OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol: #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES including the Christ Candle

The First Candle: The Candle of Hope

The Second Candle: The Candle of Peace

The Third Candle: The Candle of Joy

The Fourth Candle: The Candle of Love

The Christ Candle:

“May the promise of this candle touch our lives
with comfort and grace.”

Carol: #140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

THE WITNESS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Third Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

Carol: #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:4-7

Carol: #115 “Away in a Manger”

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-11

Carol: #117 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:12-15

Carol: #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:16-20

Carol: #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Eighth Lesson –The Witness of the Light–An Affirmation of Faith

It takes just one candle to spread a ray of light, to split the darkness with its flame
and quell the black of night.

It takes just one whisper to speak to God in prayers to draw near to God’s presence
and find peace and comfort there.

It takes just one Savior to save the world in need - a holy God wrapped in flesh
to heal, to guide, to lead. . .

It takes just one candle to spark the memory of the night the Light of Heaven came
to change our lives our world with love.

THE CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY – “Silent Night”

(As the light comes to you, always tilt your unlit candle toward the lighted one).

PRAYER of HOPE

SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

“Arise, shine! For your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you!
The sun shall no more go down; neither shall the moon withdraw itself; for the
LORD shall be your everlasting light, and the days of mourning shall be ended.”
Isaiah 60:1 and 19

On this night, our gratitude for worshiping with us. OFFERINGS may be left in the
Offering Plates at the rear entrance.

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

A Service of Lessons and Carols



11:00 pm Sunday, December 24, 2023

Old Leacock Sanctuary

