



## Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2025

### Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (arr. Krug)  
People's Ringers  
Opening Words from *All I Really Want* by Quinn G. Caldwell  
Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Song 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (#253)  
Chalice Lighting Donna McClurkan  
*If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'*  
Words: 'Fellow Sojourners' by Dan Lambert

### Dreams of Prophets and Parents

Reading Luke 1:26-31, 46-53 Donna McClurkan  
Song 'People Look East' (#226)  
Reading 'Joseph' by Lynn Ungar Matthew Morris McCormick  
Song 'Angels We Have Heard on High' (#231)

### The Re(birth) of Love

Reading 'It Doesn't Seem Like Much' by Julián Jamaica Soto  
Matthew Morris McCormick  
Song 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' (#246)  
Reading 'Let Us Be That Stable' by Patrick Murfin  
Gordon Bolar  
Song 'The First Nowell' (#237)

### Wisdom and Gifts

Reading Matthew 2:1-18 Gordon Bolar  
Song 'We Three Kings of Orient Are' (#259)  
Reading 'Night Visions' by Jan Richardson Bob Davis  
Special Collection to Benefit the Resistance and Resilience Fund  
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Offertory 'Sanctuary' (Newcomer)

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Bob Davis



*From the countless gifts we each have been given,  
gifts of life and love and sustenance,  
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love  
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

### The Holy Refugees, Then and Now

Reading 'Tale as old as time...' by Maren C. Tirabassi  
John MacLellan  
Song 'In the Bleak Midwinter' (#241)  
Reading 'That's the Thing' by Jason Cook John MacLellan  
Music 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' (#244)

### Departing in Peace

Responsive Reading adapted from 'I Will Light Candles'  
by Howard Thurman  
Congregational response: **'I Will Light Candles this Christmas'**  
Passing the Light  
*Tip your unlit candle into the flame of your neighbor's candle flame. Please avoid tipping lit candles.*  
Closing Hymn 'Peace, Peace / Silent Night' (Powell)  
Closing Words 'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman  
Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Depart in Peace and Quiet