



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 <i>All I Really Want</i> by Quinn G. Caldwell	
	Rev. Rachel Lonberg	
Song	'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (#253)	
Chalice Lighting	Donna McClurkan	
	<i>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).' </i>	
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

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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