CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Merry Christmas! Welcome to worship this Holy Night!

We are a congregation that Proclaims Jesus Christ, Lives in Christ and Serves. Empowered by God’s love we help transform lives, communities and the world so that everyone may know Christ’s healing power.

We’re glad you’re here to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus!

**Hymn**  
**O Come, All Ye Faithful**  

1  O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the king of angels:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

2  Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God—  
In—the—highest:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

3  Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee—be—glo—ry giv’n!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

**Proclamation of Praise**

Leader:  Tonight the hope of Christmas is born anew within our hearts and homes.

All:  **Hope is born, the love of God has come.**

Leader:  Jesus comes to you as a child king full of love and grace.

All:  **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**
**Hymn**  It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
   From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
   “Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
   The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
   And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world.
   Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
   And ever o’er its babel sound the blessed angels sing.

**Prayer of the Day**

Leader:  O come, O come, Lord Jesus and restore our hope, renew our faith and move us in compassion. May the spirit of Christmas and the power of your love change our world. Let your love rule and let your grace fill our hearts and the whole world.

All:  Amen

**Anthem**

6:00  O Holy Night

7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00  Shepherd’s Pipe Carol

**Lesson**  Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us,
   a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
   and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
   Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
   and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
   He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
   from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
HOLY GOSPEL  Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

MEDLEY OF CAROLS

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story;
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.
Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
    Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

SERMON    Hope Has Come    Pastor Michael D. Carlson

OFFERING    St. Andrew’s Orchestra

OFFERTORY    O Little Town of Bethlehem    ST. LOUIS

1    O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
    Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2    For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
    while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
    O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
    and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

Leader:    This holy night shines with the brightness of the true light.
All:    May the light of Christ cast out the darkness.
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Please tip your unlighted candle to receive flame from an usher or the person next to you. The lighted candle should remain upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle. Always hold lighted candles upright. The candle should be extinguished as the lights come up following the Lord’s Prayer.

HYMN
Silent Night, Holy Night!

1  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.

2  Silent night, holy night!
    Son of God, love’s pure light
    radiant beams from your holy face,
    with the dawn of redeeming grace,
    Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
    Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER OF CHRISTMAS EVE
Leader:  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.

All:  Amen

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED AT 11 P.M.
Please see insert.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be thy name,
    thy kingdom come,
    thy will be done,
    on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen
**Benediction**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen (spoken)

**Hymn** Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
   Let earth receive her King!
   Let ev’ry heart prepare him room
   And heav’n and nature sing,
   And heav’n and nature sing,
   And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2 He rules the world with truth and grace,
   And makes the nations prove
   The glories of his righteousness,
   And wonders of his love,
   And wonders of his love,
   Wonders, and wonders of….his….love.

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

St. Andrew’s Orchestra

**Today’s Music**

St. Andrew’s Orchestra, Charles Gray, director
Olivia Schurke, soloist
St. Andrew’s Choir and New Dimension Singers, Jan Gilbertson, director
High School Choir, Sue Gilsdorf, director
Kristin Chouinard, pianist
Bill Chouinard, organist

**Merry Christmas!**

Welcome to Christmas at St. Andrew’s! We wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. Please join us again for worship. Our traditional services in the Sanctuary are on Sunday mornings at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Our contemporary services in the Great Hall are on Saturday nights at 5 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:45 & 10:15 a.m.
St. Andrew’s Worship Times

Traditional Worship
Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5 p.m. Great Hall
Sunday 8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Great Hall

First Wednesday Worship
First Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Nursery at all services.
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