

FAIRLAWN CRC

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2024 | 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Away in a Manger" by Wilbur Held
"Gloria for the Flutes" by Alice Jordan
"Angels We Have Heard On High" arr. John F. Wilson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer for Christmas Eve:

We have been waiting for this day, Loving God. We have prepared ourselves for this special day. On this Christmas Eve, let us live as those who let hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives. As the candles burn brightly and light our path, let us live as those who have Christ's light burning inside us today and every day. Amen.

* Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" PH 346:2,3,4,5
vs. 1: Solo
vs. 2-5: Congregation stands and joins in singing

* God's Greeting: based on Luke 1:46-50

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2-5

Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" PH 353

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: "Emmanuel"

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Choir: "'O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. D. Forrest

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Glory* John 1:1-5, 14-18 (p. 1049)

* Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" PH 355

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

*This evening's offerings will be received for the Fairlawn General Fund
and for the Faith Promise Missions Fund.*

*Offerings may be placed in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary
as you leave, be mailed to the church, or given online.*

Confession of Faith:

Our World Belongs to God \$1,23,56

(PH p. 1019, 1026, 1038)

SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Coming of the Light in Jesus Christ

- * Hymns: "Away in a Manger"
"What Child Is This"

PH 348

Solo: "Silent Night"

by Franz Gruber

Responsive Prayer

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benediction:
- * Doxology: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- * Postlude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PH 340:1,2,4

arr. Mark Hayes

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Pastor Dan Vos

Advent Readers: Marcelo Ramirez, Elisa Ramirez, Marcelo Ramirez

Candle Lighters: Justin Vander Baan, Justin Vos

Liturgists: Dick Vanden Berg, Cary Vanden Akker,

Cindy Baker, Russ Vander Baan

Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Organ: Lisa Vos

Brass: Vos Family | Flute: Lisa Vos | Soloist: Morgan Gramlich

Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan

Responsive Prayer adapted from Worship Sourcebook p.477

MAY THE JOY OF THE SAVIOR'S COMING BE WITH YOU! We are glad that you have joined us at Fairlawn this evening for a special service of celebration as we remember the birth of Jesus Christ and the wonder of God's promise of peace on earth, and goodwill to those on whom his favor rests. We also welcome those joining us via the livestream on our YouTube channel. To learn more about Fairlawn and its ministry, connect with us via our website or social media, or speak to one of the greeters after the service.