

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2017 • 11:00 pm • Samsvick Chapel

Opening of Service

- Carol – O Come Let Us Adore Him
 - Opening Prayer & Welcome
 - Reading – John 1:1-5
 - Carol – O Come All Ye Faithful
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First Candle - Hope

- Reading – Isaiah 11:1-5
 - Lesson and Light the Candle
 - Congregational Prayer:
“Jesus, we hope for you and welcome you, small child of Bethlehem, whose coming we await with quiet attention. Shield us from the shouts, the screams, the empty promises of the season, and encourage us to turn our hopes to your coming. We know that the promise is hidden in the stable in Bethlehem and rooted in the offspring of Jesse; let us look for our salvation there. Amen.”
 - Carol – The Light Shines / Carol of the Bells / O Come O Come
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Second Candle - Prepare the Way

- Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5, Luke 1:67-79
- Lesson and Light the Candle
- Congregational Prayer:
“God of Mercy, who sent your messengers the prophets – to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to obey their warnings – and repent of our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”
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Third Candle – Joy for Christ’s Coming

- Reading – Luke 1:39-55
 - Lesson and Light the Candle
 - Congregational Prayer
“Oh God, who has caused this holy night – to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we pray, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy Him in heaven; where you live and reign forever in everlasting glory. Amen.”
 - Carol – Noel
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Fourth Candle – God With Us

- Reading – Luke 2:1-20
 - Lesson and Light the Candle
 - Congregational Prayer
“Oh God, who makes us glad – as we remember each year – the birth of Your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so may we also with confidence – see Him when He comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.”
 - Lighting of the candles
 - Carol – Silent Night
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Fifth Candle – Christ Candle

- Carol – Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 - Carol – Joy to the World
 - Reading – John 1:9-18
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