

# Christmas Eve Worship & Praise Service

December 24, 2011 11:00PM

**Rev. Nancy Johnson**

Pastor

**Debbie Lundstrom ~ Alice Blanco**

Music Minister

Pianist

Chiming of the Bells

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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## Presentation of the Light

### Invocation

Rev. Nancy Johnson

Advent Reading

CUMC Choir

*Celebrating the Presence of the Christ*

*Leader: Where is the Child who has been born King of the Jews?*

**People: For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.**

*Leader: Christ is here! With the lighting of Christ's candle, we celebrate again the God who has drawn near to us.*

**People: God is with us and wraps us in divine Presence like a blanket on this holy night. Jesus is our Emmanuel.**

Christ Candle is lit.

*Leader: Let us pray: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, in silence and in song we celebrate your birth.*

**People: Help us to know you in our hearts and to share you with the waiting world. We rejoice in the Child for whom we have waited, the Savior who is now here. Christ is born. Alleluia! Amen.**

READING I-

IN THE BEGINNING

Light Looked Down

by Laurence Houseman

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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READING 2

The Glory of the Lord

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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READING 3

Christmas Story

A Christmas Carol

by Christina Rossetti

In the bleak Midwinter

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READING 4

Mary

Mary's Song

By Luci Shaw

Breath of Heaven

By Grant

READING 5

Joseph

Joseph

by U.A. Fanthorpe

Et In Terra Pax (And on Earth, Peace) By J. Purifoy CUMC Choir

READING 6:

Micah 5:2-4

Could I Have Known?  
Missed Its Chance")

By: Amos Wells (from "The Inn That

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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All are invited! Enter through the center aisle, spend time at the altar. Exit to the side aisle. You may leave a **Good Samaritan offering at the altar** to help the needy in our area

The Sharing of the Light

Silent Night, Holy Night

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Christmas Blessing

Joy to the world

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**Postlude** Sing we Now of Christmas

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

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Turn your cell phones off during this time of worship

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