

Order of Service December 24, 2023: Christmas Eve

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Greeters:

Tech Squad: Kat Clements and Andy Roberts

Hearing Assist: Dennis Cramblit

Prelude: Christmas selections (Shay)

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Call to Worship - Rev. Diana

"We Have An Old Story to Tell" by Rev. Gretchen Haley

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Marlatt/French Carol

Story for All Ages

"Refuge" by Anne Booth and Sam Usher

Carol: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Longfellow/trad. English

melody

Offering to benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Offertory

Readings Luke 2:1-7

Maryam 19:22-27 (from the Qur'an)

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Brooks/Redner

Reading Luke 2:8-20

Carol: "The First Noel" English Carol arr. Stainer

Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: "O Come All Ye Faithful" Wade

Reading Luke 2:21-32

Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Wesley/Mendelssohn arr.

Willcocks

Reading Luke 2:39-40

Carol: "Joy to the World" Watts/Handel arr. Mason

Reflection "They Were Seeking Refuge" Rev. Diana McLean

Candle Lighting and Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Carol: "Silent Night" Mohr/Gruber