

**Christmas Eve Order of Service**  
December 24, 2020

Opening Song: "O Holy Night" A. Adams

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Music Selections from "Messiah" G.F. Handel  
"Comfort Ye" / "Every Valley" / "And the Glory of the Lord"

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn: "The Angel Gabriel Came Down"

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1, 3-7

Musical Selection from "Messiah" G.F. Handel  
"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

Musical Selections from "Messiah" G.F. Handel  
"And the Angel Said Unto Them" / "And Suddenly..." / "Glory to God"

Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Musical Selections from "Messiah" G.F. Handel  
"He Shall Feed His Flock" / "Come Unto Me"

Reading: John 1: 1-14

Christmas Litany

Hymn: "Silent Night"

Christmas Prayer

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Postlude

Simon Holt, Director of Music and Organist

Lisa Feltes, Soprano

Gino Villarreal, Trumpet

Margaret Tyler, Mezzo Soprano

Matt Muehl-Miller, French Horn

Kevin Schneider, Tenor

Vince Yanovitch, Trombone

Sean McCarty, Baritone

Officiating

The Rev Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

The Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

The Rev. Carleen R. Gerber

Technical Crew

Mary Tomasetti, Odile Brennan, Eli Doggart, John Kiker, Mark Testori

Christmas Eve Litany

Excerpts taken from the works of Wendell Berry, Denise Levertov and Howard Thurman

Memorial Music and Flowers

Our altar flowers and our special music is supported by memorial gifts from the families of David Sargent, Elaine McNally-Fitzpatrick, Joan Bonvicin, Emily Fisher and Evan Griswold, Don Gonci, Julie Kuja, Carleen and Don Gerber, and Gretchen Stanland.

David Sargent told his family the story of having ventured into a small church in the French countryside on Christmas Eve. It was near the close of WWII, and in the service that night, "O Holy Night" was sung, part in French and part in English. The congregation was made up of both tired, war-weary soldiers and beleaguered civilians. The song held great meaning that night, foreshadowing a world of peace that all hoped was soon to come. The song is sung this night in his honor.