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December 24, 2017      Christmas Eve      7:00 p.m.  
A Service of Lessons and Carols

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Prelude

Special Music      "Joy to the World"  
*Katilyn Lake, piano*

Words of Welcome      Rev. Dr. Debra J. K. Bronkema

Tolling of the Hour

Lighting of the Advent Candles      The Torosian Family

*Leader:* Friends, hear the good news – Christ is born!

*People:* **The people who walk in the darkness have seen a great light.**

*Leader:* Rejoice, for Christ's presence lives among us, and brings light to our world.

*Leader:* We light the candle of hope, rejoicing in the hope we have in Jesus.

*Leader:* We light the candle of peace, as people who follow the Prince of Peace.

*Leader:* We light the candle of joy, as those who sing Joy to the World.

*Leader:* We light the candle of love, as beloved children of God.

*Leader:* O Come let us Adore him Christ the King!

*All:* **Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all! Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn #41 – "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

First Lesson – Isaiah 11:1–9 (OT p.640-641)

Special Music      "Good King Wenceslas"  
*Brody Porter, piano and Andrew Porter, tar (drum)*

Hymn #23 – "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Second Lesson – Micah 5:2–5a (OT p. 865)

Special Music      "Ode to Joy"  
*Samantha Gortsema, piano*

Hymn #44      "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Third Lesson – Matthew 1:18–25 (NT p.1)

Anthem      "Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus"  
--Traditional Spiritual (arr. Bob Krogstad)

Fourth Lesson – Luke 2:1–7 (NT p.58)

Hymn #25      "Away in a Manger"

Fifth Lesson – Luke 2:8–20 (NT p.58)

Children's Time      Pastor Debbie

Anthem      "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow"  
--African-American Spiritual

Sixth Lesson – John 1:1-5, 14 (NT p. 91, 92)

Special Music      "O Holy Night"  
*Cordelia Jannetty, voice*

Christmas Eve Meditation

\*Hymn #31      "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (saying 'debts')  
Page 16 in the hymnal "The Lord's Prayer" (traditional)  
listed under "Aids to Worship"

Offering God Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\*Response – Verse 3 of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn  
King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;**

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem      "Halleluia"      -- Handel

