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Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2007

**VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Welcome  
Ring of the Bell  
Opening Hymn: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation and Introit

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
**C: on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

P: The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty;  
**C: The Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.**  
P: The world is firmly established;  
**C: it cannot be moved.**

P: Your throne was established long ago;  
**C: You are from all eternity.**  
P: Your statutes stand firm;

**C: holiness adorns Your house for endless days, O Lord.**  
**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**  
**Amen.**

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
**C: on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

(Psalm 93:1-2, 5, Isaiah 9:2)

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 9:2-7

Gradual: Psalm 98:1-2, 4 (prayed responsively)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P: The Lord has made His salvation known

**C: and revealed His righteousness to the nations.**

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

**C: burst into jubilant song with music.**

Hymn of Praise: #380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Epistle ..... Titus 2:11-14

Choral Offering (4:00 only):

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night"

Arr. Hugo Jungst English Text: Helen A. Dickinson

Alleluia and Verse: Luke 2:14

P: Alleluia!

**C: Alleluia!**

P: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill to men! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Apostles' Creed .....back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sermon: "A Missing Christmas Present?"

Offering

Choral Hymn (4:00 only): "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Old French Melody

Hymn: #366, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer .....back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*(During this hymn, individual candles will be lit and the sanctuary will gradually get darker.)*

Departing Words (John 1:4-5)

P: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light  
shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.  
Go in peace.

**C: Amen.**

Postlude