

# 11:00 pm Worship Service

## **Christmas Eve**





### **GATHERING**

Prelude

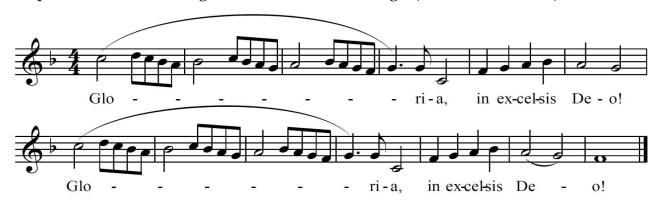
Greeting

Call to Worship John 1:1-5

Hymn: What child is this (UMH 219)

Prayer

Gospel Acclamation: Angels we have heard on high (UMH 238 Refrain)



Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

Silence

Prayers of the people (The Lord's Prayer and Carols)

We come to God with our prayers as we say the Lord's prayer together.

Gracious God, teach us to pray, as Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

We pray for the world and your church, divided by race, language, religion, class, gender and sexuality, saying:

## Our Father in Heaven

We pray for your church. For the people bearing Christ's name, saying: **Hallowed be your name.** 

We pray for those who are deprived of justice, peace, freedom and hope, saying:

# Your Kingdom come.

We pray for people who exercise power, for governments, business, unions and the media, saying:

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Offertory Carol: O little town of Bethlehem (UMH 230)

We pray for those who lack food, shelter, clothing, medical care and love, saying:

## Give us today our daily bread

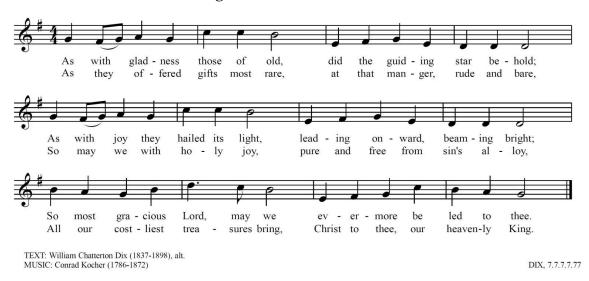
We pray for all who turn away from the neighbor in need, saying: Forgive us our sin

Carol: It came upon a midnight clear (UMH 218)

We pray for those who hurt or abuse us, who treat us with little respect, all this, saying:

We forgive those who sin against us

Carol: As with gladness those of old



We pray for those enduring sickness, facing death, mourning the loss of a loved one, coping with unemployment, filled with despair.

We pray for those contemplating suicide saying:

## Save is in the time of trial

We pray for those who live with the threat from war and terrorism,

And those who live in fear of violence in their own homes and schools, saying

## Deliver us from evil

We pray all this for our hope and trust is in you, for you alone can save us, saying The kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

Silence

Solo: O holy night - Adolphe Adam

Confession and Pardon (UMH p.12)

+Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** 

Communion Setting C (UMH pp. 20-22) Post communion Prayer

#### **SENDING**

# +Lighting the Christ Candle

Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

Christ is the World's true Light, on our paths and in our lives.

Receive the light and let its warmth and glow be in your hearts this night.

May the glory of the Lord shine through us for the world.

# +Sharing the Light of Christ

The candlelight will be passed to people in the center aisle. The light is then passed from person to person down the pew. Please hold lighted candles upright; slide the cup down, tip the unlighted candle, and slide the cup back to protect the flame.

Hymn: Silent night (UMH 239)

+Benediction

Postlude

Please recycle the bulletins at the exit if you do not plan to take them with you.

Please leave your candle at the exit.

+ stand, as able \*see text below UMH = red United Methodist Hymnal

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# Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Grace Imathiu

**Liturgist:** Rev. Britt Cox

Scripture Reader: Omando Bastian

Lighting the Christ Candle: Omando Bastian

Music Assistant: Cody Michael Bradley

**Soloist:** Christine Mando **Usher:** Malissa Lindsey **Audio:** Frank Montagna

First Church celebrates Communion (Eucharist) every Sunday: in the Sanctuary at the 10:30 am service on the first Sunday of the month and in Tittle Chapel at 11:45 am on all the other Sundays. All are invited.

# **Christmas Poinsettias**

## In Loving Memory of:

All the saints from William and Nancy Brown

Steve Armstrong from Carol Kreikard, Eric and Brian Armstrong,

Hazel Barnett from Carol Barnett

My parents, Harry and Virginia Barnes from Sandra Gordon

Robert and Martha Baumberger from Bruce Baumberger

Ethelyn Bond from George Bond

Jack Cappozzo by Glynis and Dan Doyle

Joan and Bill Doyle from Glynnis and Dan Doyle

Carl Lawrence Godman by Fay Godman

Barb Gorman from Jean Clipperton & Miles Shultz

My Grandparents from Leah Holzwarth

Our Grandparents from Lindsay Theile & Justin Sabrsula

Dan and Betty Heiple, Ed and Lois Grodsky from Teresa and Rich Grodsky

Anita Hill from Robert Thompson

Marie and Karl Hinz from Cate Whitcomb and Jack Hinz

David Hay Jones by Grace and Erik

John and Vera Kerastas/Harold and Jamaline Werner from John & Barbara Kerastas

Bette Mitchell by Jill Althage and Louise Sprengelmeyer

Our Parents from Constance and Hugh Williams

Fredrick and Barbara Poole from Mary Poole

Dr. Jean Sindab from Joe Agne

Debbie Wagner from Bryan and Caroline Wagner

Bill and Dorothy Whitcomb from Cate Whitcomb and Jack Hinz

Dale and Edythe Williams from Eileen Chamber

## In Honor of:

Fay Godman for 62 faithful membership at First Church - Evanston

Our beloved family from Don and Patty Baker

My wonderful children from Lori Colbert

The Ministry of First Church Staff from Britt Cox

Colin McDonald and Rebbeca Beiter from Mary and Bob Hetzel

The Choir from Jane Koten

Sean, Ian, and Kieran Monahan from Ken and Bertha Monahan

Dabney Frierson James from Courtney Zirkle

#### **Prayers**

The people of Gaza and the West Bank given by Don and Diane Baker,

Peace from Mary Poole