

**December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve Service for Children & Families 5 pm**

**Gathering and Greeting** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Welcome** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**Call to Worship** Hannah Baker

Leader: Animals came to prepare your bed.!

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Leader: Shepherds stood guard, marveled and said:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Leader: Angels sang to calm your cries!

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Leader: And all the world gave one great sigh:

**People: Ah, Lord Jesus, you have come!**

**Processional Carol 234** O come, all ye faithful (stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6, standing)

**Anthem** Into My Heart *Harry D. Clark*

Children’s Choir

**Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles**  Alan, Jennifer, Grant and Vivienne Volek

**Christmas Lessons and Carols**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7 Emily Shoff

Children’s Choir Star-Light/ Bright *arr. John Erickson*

**Second Lesson** Psalm 96 Fiona Curran

**Carol 224** **Good Christian Men Rejoice** (1, 2)

**Third Lesson** Titus 2:11-14 Kate Rhoton

**Carol 230** **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (1, 3)

**Fourth Lesson** Luke 2:13-20Addison Alexander

Children’s Choir Fum, Fum, Fum *arr. John D. Miller*

**Drummer Boy** *Loren Long*

**Carol Into My Heart** **Congregation and Children’s Choir**

*(Please join in and sing with the children.)*

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;**

**Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;**

**Shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

*(Children return to their families)*

**Prayer** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**Christmas Offering** Carol of the Manger *arr. Dale Wood*

**Lighting of the Candles**

*Remember to keep lighted candles upright; only tilt the unlit candle to avoid dripping wax on yourself, the pew and the carpet. As the sanctuary lights dim, the pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle and share it with the ushers. They will light the candles of those seated in the pews.*

**Carol 239** **Silent night, holy night** (stanzas 1,3, standing)

**Carol 246 Joy to the world** (stanzas 1,4)

**Benediction**  Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

*Candles may now be extinguished.*

*Join us Sunday, December 31, for a unity service at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. The worship will be*

*a Christmas Carol Communion Service, led by Rev. Kimberly Greway. There will be no Sunday school, nursery or Kids Praise during the service, but a wiggle room will be available.*

**Tonight’s Service**

**Special music is** provided by the Children’s Choir led by Courtney Heath and Kim Rhoton.

**Nursery services –** A wiggle roomisavailable for parents and children in Brookline Parlor, adjacent to the sanctuary.

**Holiday hours** – The church office is closed and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27 at

8:30 am.

**Help Deliver Poinsettias**

Spread the Christmas cheer. Take a name card or two from the table in the Narthex and deliver a poinsettia to a shut in. Plants may be picked up any time after the 11 pm Christmas Eve service



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