

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2014

CRECHE Service, 4 p.m.

Greeters: Darleen & Jacques Diotte, Alyssa & Sarah Krindle

Crucifer: George Thomas

Opening Hymn: CP #118 O Come, all ye Faithful (v. 1—5 only)

Christmas Greeting

Leader: Unto us a child is born.

All: *Unto us a Son is given.*

Leader: O God, your love was so great for us that you gave us your Son to shine out in our darkness. Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *please see overleaf*

Blessing of the Crèche

Hymn: CP #119 Silent Night

Collect of the Day for Christmas Eve

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 *read by Linden Rogers*

Hymn: CP #127 O Come Little Children

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Homily: *The Christmas alphabet*

Duet: *The First Nowell* by Jamie & Nathan Callender

Intercessions led by Linden Rogers

Leader: *Hear us, O Lord*

All: *Lord, grant us peace.*

Confession

Leader: Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

All: *Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn: CP #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
Doxology (CP #666: Old 100th)

Poem: *Santa's Christmas Prayer* (by Warren D. Jennings)

Final Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #154 Joy to the World

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this afternoon.

*Please sign our **guest book** in the Narthex if you are a visitor or newcomer today.*

Lighting of the Advent WREATH

Christmas EVE: Christ Candle



HYMN: *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

LET US PRAY (unison):

Almighty God, you have made this night holy by the gift of your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon Him rested all your grace, through Him has come all your mercy. Let His light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through Him. Amen

Liturgy: Spirit Networks,

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THANK you to:

- members of the Altar Guild for their care in decorating the church so beautifully for this Christmas season
- The Music Director Matthew Lane & the choir members, for their special contribution of Christmas music for our services
- To Nathan & Jamie Callender, for sharing their musical talent with us today
- All who donated items to the Sock Tree, which will be delivered to a downtown mission after Christmas
- All who donated to the Christmas Food baskets this season





SYMBOLS of the CHRISTMAS Season

ADVENT WREATH: the **round shape** of the Advent Wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The **green branches** speak of new life. The **candles** remind us of the light that came into the world with Jesus.

ANGEL: the word *angel* comes from a Greek word meaning *messenger*. Angels appeared to Mary & Joseph, bringing news that Mary would give birth to Jesus. Angels also appeared to the shepherds in the fields, announcing Jesus' birth.



BELLS: for centuries, bells in church steeples have announced special occasions and good news. Christmas bells remind us of the good news of Jesus' birth.

CANDY CANES: remind us of the staffs used by shepherds, who were the first to hear the good news & visit the new Baby Jesus.



CHRISTMAS BALLS: balls have a round shape that reminds us that God's love has no end. They also remind us of the globe/world into which Jesus came as Emmanuel.



CHRISTMAS TREES: are evergreen, symbolizing everlasting life—the good news that Jesus' death & resurrection proclaimed for all humanity.

CRECHE: was first introduced by St. Francis of Assisi, around 1200 CE. St. Francis felt the people in his small village in Italy had lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas.



STOCKINGS: the traditional story is that Nicholas, a 4th cent. Bishop in Turkey, secretly tossed some gold coins into the window of a needy family, which landed in stockings hung to dry in front of the fireplace. So we hang stockings today in the hope that the spirit of St. Nicholas will visit our homes also.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 28 **Christmas 1:** 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
Officiants: Mr. Ernest Callender, Mr. Christian Stephens,
Dioc. Lay Readers; PCP Snacks Sunday

DEADLINE for return of your **PLEDGE CARDS**

The Church Office will be closed **December 28, 2014—January 5, 2015** inclusive.

January 4, 2015 EPIPHANY: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. sung Eucharist

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Vision:

... to be of Christ, in Christ, and to proclaim Christ's love in this world.



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Christmas Eve CRECHE service, 4 p.m.

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2.10-11

Incumbent: the Rev. Pamela Yarrow, BA, STM, MEd

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