

Christmas Eve Service

Presider: Rev. Austin Park

GREETINGS

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE CEREMONY

Christmas Eve

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus' birthday, we will light all the candles of the Advent wreath. First, we will light the candle for HOPE because Jesus is our hope. Second, we will light the candle for PEACE because Jesus is our hope and peace. Third, we will light the candle for JOY because Jesus brings joy. Fourth, we will light the candle for LOVE because Jesus is Love. Finally, we will light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation! Here is a reading from Galatians 4:4, "But when the time had fully come, God sent His son, born of a woman, born under the law."

Let us pray together: Great God of love and light, we thank You now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow You to the new life in Him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

As we sing stanzas 1-5 of "**Light the Advent Candle**" FWS 2090, the two purple, one pink, one purple and the Christ (white center) candles are lit by **Alison Babb and Brittany Lane.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing a new song to God, as we join with the songs of old.

Church: Glory to God on the highest.

Pastor: Sing with the heavenly angels, who rejoice with us on this holy night.

Church: Glory to God on the highest.

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UNISON PRAYERS

God of grace and God of glory, shine upon us as we reflect upon the shining light of your love. Reveal your presence here as we sing songs of the angelic chorus and hear words of prophets of old. Through your songs and stories, remind us of your Incarnate Love, born as a tiny child named Jesus. In the light of your glory and grace, Amen.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Conductor: Sylvia Park

Pianos: Hajin Choi, Eunjung Lee

Drum: John Lee

Trumpet: Yae-Eun Kim

Clarinet: Da-Eun Kim

Narrators: Mornica Parsan, Robert Ferrar

Sopranos: Jean Asuncion, Jennifer Baksh, Poonam Baksh, Angella Depass,
Loris Goffe, Rita Ramdin, Catherine Whittington

Altos: Alison Babb, Stephanie Baksh, Rose Schrader

- ♪ O Come, All Ye Faithful (Trumpet & Clarinet)
- ♪ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Choir)
- ♪ O Little Town of Bethlehem (Clarinet)
- ♪ The First Noel (Trumpet)
- ♪ O Holy Night (Choir)
- ♪ Let the World Sing Gloria (Choir)
- ♪ All Is Well – The Thrill of Hope (Choir)

ANNOUNCEMENT

RICHMOND HILL CHOIR ON THE MOVE!!

SPECIAL SELECTION ♪ Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Caleb Park
 ♪ Sleigh Ride & Joy to the World

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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