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Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign
of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live
in the neighborhood of vulnerable human-
ity as a vulnerable child. May the light of
Christ warm our hearts and light our way
as we share the joy of God's salvation
wherever we go.

*Light the center candle of the Advent
wreath*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Shepard

Liturgist:

Do not be afraid; for see—
I am bringing you good news of great joy.

People:

**To us is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

Liturgist:

This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.

People:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace!**

Liturgist:

Let us go now to Bethlehem.

People:

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

UMH #240

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Verses 1,3

***READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:1-20

Stacey Beard

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Tribute of Carols"

Arr. Heather Sorenson

GGUMC Chancel Choir

SERMON

Pastor Lui Tran

"A Savior Has Been Born to Us"

1. Humanity's incurable disease.
2. Jesus was born to rule our hearts.
3. Jesus lived to teach us God's ways.
4. Jesus died to save us from sin and death.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #239

"Silent Night"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lui Tran

IN THE HALL

*All are invited to join us in the Hall for
complimentary coffee, refreshments, and
finger foods.*

Welcome to Worship!

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2024 7PM

PRELUDE

Liz Nguyen, Pianist

INTROIT

UMH #246

"Joy To The World"

Verses 1,4

WELCOME

Linda Shepard

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Steve Le, Nhi Dang, & daughter Kimberly

Reader One: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Congregation: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:7).



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