

# *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

## **December 24, 2023**

PRELUDE: *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* - arr. Robert Lau

GREETING

ENSEMBLE SINGERS: *Heavenly Hosts*

BECOMING PRESENT — ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lighting Litany

\*Hymn of Light #212: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*Prayer of Presence

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Bell Quartet Anthem: *Still, Still, Still* – arr. Larry Sue

Mary's Story: Luke 1:26-38

Solo: Alyssa Witmer — *The Angel Gabriel*

Joseph's Story: Matthew 1:18-25

Solo: Steve Hartman — *Joseph's Song*

Story of the Birth: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #215: *What Child is This* (vs 1 only)

The Shepherds' Story: Luke 2:8-14

Praise Team: *What a Glorious Night* – Sidewalk Prophets

The Everlasting Light: Luke 2:15-20

Hymn #191: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Wisemen's Story: Matthew 2:1-12

\*Hymn #199: *First Noel*

MEDITATION: "Being Present with Light"

RESPONSE: Solo-Alex Mora, *Believe* – Josh Groban

BLESSING

\*CANDLE LIGHTING & CAROL: *Silent Night*

\*CLOSING HYMN #318: *Joy to the World*

CHRISTMAS BLESSING



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**We are seekers:**

learning to trust in God's love,  
desiring to live and serve in the way of Jesus,  
celebrating diversity while pursuing unity,  
nurturing gratitude and generosity,  
welcoming all!

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