



Merry
CHRISTMAS

Harrington Park, NJ

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

7 and 11 PM

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

"Greensleeves"

Nate Giordano, guitar; Amy Duran, piano

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#249

WELCOME

Pastor Sayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to God a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing!

People: **Bring gifts and celebrate; bow before the beauty of God, then to your knees—everyone worship!**

Leader: Get out the message—God Rules! He put the world on a firm foundation; He treats everyone fair and square.

People: **Let's hear it from Sky, with Earth joining in, and a huge round of applause from Sea.**

Leader: Let Wilderness turn cartwheels; Animals, come dance, put every tree of the forest in the choir—

People: **An extravaganza before God as He comes, as He comes to set everything right on earth, set everything right, treat everyone fair.**

*INVOCATION (unison)

God, tonight we remember You entering our world. It's amazing. In fact, it's staggering. The God Who made the world, Who sits around the world, actually enters the world to become like us, in order to save us. But, for us, this day comes around every winter. The celebration with lights and laughter, purchasing and presents goes on for a month and absorbs all our attention. And so we are not amazed. We're not staggered. Holy Spirit, may this night confound us, surprise us, astonish and dumbfound us, for You have done something truly extraordinary through Jesus. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

7 PM – Craig and Liz Budinich and Family
11 PM – Fred Fisher and Susan Duffy

Leader: God brings a Savior into the world.
People: And we barely understand that we need saving.
Leader: God pours His love out onto His people.
People: And we barely sense the depth of God’s devotion to us.
Leader: So this time is more than simple tradition, more than family, about more than our extravagance.
People: It’s really about God’s extravagance in the way He had made a way for His people.
Leader: We light this candle remembering how God quietly brought this Savior into the world.
People: We light this candle remembering God’s surprising, extravagant love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 638, OT
7 PM, Stephanie Budinich; 11 PM, Jocelyn Brueck
A CHRISTMAS CAROL “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” #255

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-7 p. 58 NT
7 PM, Laura Tillack; 11 PM, Chuck Dages
CHANCEL CHOIR “He Is Born” Jill Gallina

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14 p. 58 (NT)
7 PM & 11 PM, Amy Duran
A CHRISTMAS CAROL “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” #272

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20 p. 58 (NT)
CHANCEL CHOIR “I Sing the Birth” John Purifoy

CHILDREN’S TIME (7 PM)
SPECIAL MUSIC (11 PM) “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” MacGimsey
Jim Lupfer, Amy Duran

MEDITATION “Don’t Be Afraid” Pastor Sayer

OFFERTORY Amy Duran, piano

*DOXOLOGY #815

THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

(Ushers will light the candle of the worshipper in each pew nearest to the aisle. Dip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor’s.)

THE CANDLELIGHTING

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (seated) “Silent Night” #253

GENERAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL CAROL “Joy to the World” #270
(Please extinguish your candle before leaving; there is a receptacle for your candle in the narthex.)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” arr. Jack Shrader

We express our thanks to all who in some way shared in our worship experience tonight. Thank you all and Merry Christmas!

7 PM Greeters and Ushers:
Paul, Cody, Craig, John, Robert and Tom Budinich
11 PM Greeters and Ushers:
Ray and Linda Walko; Jocelyn and Tom Brueck

Flower Contributors

*Anonymous
Dorothy Abelman
Anita & Bob Carr
Marilyn Clark
Kathy & Chuck Dages
Christina Doyle
Carol & Harold Ewald III
Susan Duffy & Fred Fisher
Ann Froeder
Jean Greenlaw
The Gumberg Family
Marilyn Hams
Valerie Hill
Joan Hoerauf
Wini Kinkele
The Lupfer Family
Diana Macerone
Nancy & John McGlade
Linda & Keith Michels
Christine & Dennis Novak*



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

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