

# *Wednesday Advent Worship*

## *The Star Chrismon*

December 13, 2023

### PRELUDE

*“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The journey began in Nazareth.

**Mary, you will have a Son.**

The journey continued to Bethlehem.

**There is no room at the inn.**

The journey continued to a field of shepherds.

**I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.**

The journey continued to a manger.

**And He shall be called the Son of God.**

Today the journey is a journey of light.

**And now the light is here in this sanctuary.**

And it is the light of the world.

**May the light fill our souls with abundant and eternal life. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

### HYMN OF LIGHT

*“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

*Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King:  
"Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born."*

### PRAYER

“I Believe in Christmas”

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates.

I believe in the lights of Christmas, for they remind me of Him who is the light of the world.

I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ.

I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known.

I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

I believe in the angels' message that we should not be afraid for the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all fears.

And I believe God will help me in believing all these things

### MEDITATION

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### MAKING A WISH UPON A STAR

Come forward to the Lord's table and select a star for your wish

### AFFIRMATION FOR OUR WISHES

*“When You Wish Upon a Star”*

*When you wish upon a star  
Makes no difference who you are  
Anything your heart desires  
Will come to you*

*If your heart is in your dream  
No request is too extreme  
When you wish upon a star  
As dreamers do*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy Ground”

*We are standing on holy ground  
And I know that there are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now  
We are standing in His presence  
On holy ground*

**BENEDICTION** May God, who brightened the night skies over Bethlehem with the Star, who made the stable holy ground where the Christ was born, also brightened our lives and make them holy, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE** *“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”*

*Margaret Cox,  
Pianist*

**Our Christmas Eve Services**  
**10:30am Contemporary Christmas Worship in the Parlor**  
**4:00pm Traditional Communion Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary.**

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