



Central Presbyterian Church

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**December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Service**

Welcome

Prelude

“Unto Us a Boy is Born”

Wilson

Prayer of Preparation (for your personal use, during Prelude)

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Special Music

“Ring the Bells”

Pastor Ryan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Ryan

Hymn *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* RED #106

Reading: John 1:1-18 & lighting 1st candle (Hope)
Marilyn Montgomery

Hymn *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* RED #103

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 & lighting 2nd candle (Peace)
John Godbey

Hymn *“Away in a Manger”* RED #112

Reading: Luke 2:1-20 & lighting 3rd candle (Joy)
Ron Sanert

Hymn *“The First Noel, the Angel Did Say”* RED #108

Reading: Matthew 2:1-22 & lighting 4th candle (Love)
Linda Claussen

Special Music *“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”*

Julia Territo/Pastor Ryan

Devotional Thoughts		Pastor Ryan
Offering	<i>“What Child is This?”</i>	Peery
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		(Insert)
The Great Thanksgiving		
Sharing the Bread and Cup	<i>(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)</i>	
*Hymn	<i>“Silent Night”</i>	(Insert)
Closing Prayer		Steve Territo
Postlude	<i>“Hallelujah Chorus”</i>	Handel
	<i>Please be seated for the Postlude.</i>	

WORSHIP LEADER:	Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
ORGANIST:	Emma Lou Denton
PIANIST:	Julia Territo
GREETER/USHER:	Pat Claussen
COMMUNION STEWARD:	Jane Stephenson
READERS:	Marilyn Montgomery
	John Godbey
	Ron Sanert
	Linda Claussen
CLOSING PRAYER:	Steve Territo

****Please stand, if able*** CCLI License #2716138
Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover