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Miss Judy Casciolini, in memory of her father,  
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Anna Dress, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Alice Dress.  
Otis & Barbara Hairston, in memory of Mrs. Leona Smith  
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Mr. Frank High, in memory of James High and Catherine  
High-Turpin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, in memory of brother, John.  
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Mrs. Frieda Juchter.  
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Kathy and David Kilbride, in memory of loved ones.  
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Helen Lane.  
Susan Langley, in memory of Derek Jordan.  
Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lehmann-Sprouse.  
Mrs. Gertrude Lesser, in memory of loved ones.  
Mrs. Marie Lowe, in memory of loved ones.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kunal Mitra, in memory of father,  
Mr. S. K. Lall.  
Dr. Ellen M. Nicholson, in memory of loved ones.  
Amy Patterson & Aldo Badini, in memory of  
Mr. Paul Evans Patterson.  
Charlene Ray.  
Mildred Schroedel, in memory of husband, John, and  
sons, John II, Karl and Robert.  
Mrs. Charles E. Stagemyer, in memory of Mr. Charles E.  
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Sandra Trout, in memory of Micki Duchor.  
Phyllis Westermann and Cynthia Westermann-Clark, in  
memory of Ted Westermann, husband and father.  
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ANTHEM: "The Angels and the Shepherds"

"Shepherds, O hark ye, glad tidings we bring. Peace and good will to the world now we sing; see in a manger Christ, the Anointed, whom for your Saviour, God hath appointed. Alleluia."

"In yonder manger behold now He lies, whom angel voices foretold from the skies. Seeking Thy mercy, we kneel before Thee, singing Thy praises humbly adore Thee. Alleluia."

"Still through the ages the song doth resound. Peace and good will on earth abound. Bear we the tidings to every nation, born is the Christ Child for man's salvation. Alleluia."

ANTHEM: "Sir Christemas"

"Nowell. Who is there that singeth so? I am here, Sir Christemas. Welcome to all, both more and less, Come near. Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring: a maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you to sing: Nowell. Christ is now born of a pure maid, in an oxstall He is laid, wherefore sing we at a brayde: Nowell. Buvez bien par toute la compagnie. Make good cheer and be right merry, And sing with us now joyfully: Nowell."

ANTHEM: "Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling"

"Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthy lot to share, loving Father, loving Mother, shelter Thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee, with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to Thy heart be dear.

Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy Father, Mother mild! Guard ye well your Heavenly Treasurer, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, Guide you safely through the wild!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is a time of giving and of sharing...of love and of warmth. As you give to those you love in the spirit of Christ, remember your Church and its many needs. Your gift will help the Church meet its many obligations both here and in other places during the Christmas season. Thank you very much.

Christmas Eve, 1983

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
December 24, 1983

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
8 P. M.

"Pastoral Symphony" Handel

"Come, All Ye Faithful"

(1)

Father, You have brought us again  
reason when we commemorate the birth  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord: grant that  
we be born anew in our hearts and that  
we welcome Him to reign over us. Open  
our eyes that we may hear again the angelic chorus  
and our lips that we too may sing with  
"Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace and good will toward men." Amen.

AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

"The Child Is This"

Luke 2: 1 - 20

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"Angels and Shepherds" arr. by Wilcocks

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

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"Sir Christemas" arr. by Rutter

"Don't Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling" Berlioz

"The Herald Angels Sing"

Isaiah 1: 1 - 3; Isaiah 9: 2;

Isaiah 60: 1 - 5; 8: 12; Matthew 5: 14 - 16

"The Little Town of Bethlehem" (seated)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The minister will light his candle from the candles on the altar, and will in turn light the candles of the ushers. The ushers will then light the candle of the worshipper in each pew next to the aisle. Each person is asked to light the candle of the person sitting next to him. It is suggested that the candles be extinguished at the end of the service as the worshipper departs from the sanctuary.

ANTHEM "O Holy Night" Adam

(Jane Woodside, soloist)

HYMN NO. 393 "Silent Night, Holy Night" (seated)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

HYMN NO. 374 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION (seated)

ORGAN "From Heaven On High" Pachelbel

\*\*\* Interval for Ushering

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WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

We welcome you to this Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles. To the members and friends of the Church and also to the visitors from our neighborhood who have joined us this evening go our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas. Peace. Hope. Joy. Love.

AN INVITATION

Christmas refreshments will be served in the Russell Room downstairs following the service. We invite you to share in these moments of Christmas warmth and cheer made possible for us this evening by Holly Flagg, Bebe Ahmad, Anna Delson, Mary Lou McGanney, Audrey Myers, Lucene Thorne and Beryl Wilks.

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ORGAN "Pastoral Symphony" Handel  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
HYMN NO. 386 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
INVOCATION (seated)

O God, our Father, You have brought us again to this glad season when we commemorate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: grant that His spirit may be born anew in our hearts and that we may joyfully welcome Him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old; open our lips that we too may sing with uplifted hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will toward men." Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN NO. 385 "What Child Is This"  
SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 1 - 20 Page 889  
ANTHEM "Angels and Shepherds" arr. by Wilcocks

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Page 835  
ANTHEM "Sir Christemas" arr. by Rutter

CHRISTMAS GREETING

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ANTHEM "Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling" Berlioz

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HYMN NO. 388 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"  
SCRIPTURE Genesis 1: 1 - 3; Isaiah 9: 2;  
John 1: 4 - 5; 8: 12; Matthew 5: 14 - 16

PRAYER

HYMN NO. 381 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (seated)

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