

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2017

7:30 p.m.



St. James Presbyterian Church

**Christmas Eve
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Order for Worship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

A Time for Gathering and Quiet Meditation

Prelude Carolyn Mullen, Pianist

Welcome The Rev. Seth J. Thomas

Christmas Carols "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #133 GTG

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #132 GTG

"Away in a Manger" #115 GTG

Children's Time - The Story of Christmas

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20 (pg. 58 in pew Bible)

A Word of Christmas Hope

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #123 GTG

Offering "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" (arr. Bock)

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" #112 GTG

Congregation lights their individual candles while they sing. To light your candle, dip it into the flame passed to you. Hold your candle upright once it is lit, and let the next person dip their candle into your flame.

**Please stand as you are able.*

“Silent Night” #122 GTG

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ
the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

**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.**

The candles are extinguished after the carol.

***Christmas Blessing**

***Closing Carol**

“Joy to the World” #134 GTG

Postlude

“I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In” (arr. Renfrow)

**Join us next week for Worship at 10:30 a.m. for a special
New Year's Eve "Examen Sunday"!**

Plug in at St. James!

Worship with us weekly at 10:30 a.m.

Godly Play is our educational program for children age 4-5th grade, nursery care is available for children through 3 years of age. All ages are welcome in service.

We have Chancel and Bell Choirs, which meet Thursday nights. All are welcome, no experience required.

Weekly activities at St. James include Community Groups, Adult Bible Studies, Cross Fit and Yoga, and Grief Support.

St. James supports Interfaith Coalition, Bellingham Food Bank, Opportunity Council, Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Missions and many other local and national projects.

Want to know more?

Fill out our Friendship pads or a Welcome Card and Pastor Seth will reach out to connect with you.

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