



Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, good will
toward men

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

PRELUDE: Medley of Carols

WELCOME

Tom Potts

INTROIT: O Come, All Ye Faithful # 41

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Potts

Liturgist: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all peoples.

People: Let there be light.

Liturgist: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

People: Let there be light.

Liturgist: So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the baby born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

People: Let there be light.

Liturgist: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

People: Let there be light.

HYMN: The First Nowell # 56

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

SOLO: Laylat-al-Milad (On the Night of Christmas)

Instrumental

HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem # 44

SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-20

SOLO: Do You Hear What I Hear *Leslie Palermo*

THIRD READING: Titus 2:11-14

SOLO: Tu Scendi Delle Stelle (You Come Down From the Stars) *Instrumental*

HYMN: O Holy Night *(insert)*

FOURTH READING: Psalm 96

SOLO: Suo Gan (Sleep My Baby) *Instrumental*
Taladh Chriosda (Christ Child's Lullaby)

MEDITATION *Pastor Amir*

INVITATION TO LIGHT CANDLES

HYMN: Silent Night, Holy Night # 60

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Pastor: Carry a song on your lips and joy in your hearts. Let all the world observe the good news you convey.

People: **Glory to God, glory to God in the highest! May God's peace reign among all people!**

Pastor: As shepherds praised God for all they saw and heard, we are commissioned to share Christmas joy.

People: **A baby has become our Wonderful Counselor. A child is pointing us to the way of peace.**

Pastor: The grace of God is your salvation, now and always. Jesus Christ is the blessed hope who embraces us.

People: **We join in glorifying and praising God. We welcome the Christ into our hearts and homes.**

ALL: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Joy to the World

Welcome to *Amherst Presbyterian Church*. We are one of the visible churches for the invisible church that shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Christ that fills all in all.

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