



Glory
to God
in the
highest!

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

PRELUDE: Still, Still, Still Gotsch
Away in a Manger (Trad.)

Donna Lorenzo, Viola
Linda Stotsky, Flute

WELCOME

Tom Potts

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 Re-
deemer 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 ac-
tions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

People: Let there be light.

HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful # 41 (blue)

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem # 44 (blue)

SECOND READING: **Luke 2:1-20**

SOLO: O Holy Night Adam

Titus 2:11-14

HYMN: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing # 31 (blue)

Psalm 96

SOLO: Some Children See Him Hutson *Leslie Palermo*

MEDITATION *Pastor Amir*

INVITATION TO LIGHT CANDLES

HYMN: Silent Night, Holy Night # 60 (blue)

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.

HYMN: Joy to the World! # 40 (blue)

POSTLUDE: Hallelujah Chorus Handel

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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