

**Christmas Eve (4:00pm) December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Congregational responses in bold.

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**We Come Together**

***Prelude*** (this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship)

**Introit**

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

One: Tonight, we draw close to the stable,

**All: watching as shepherds hurry in from their fields.**

One: Tonight, we draw close to the stable,

**All: and join in songs of praise and joy.**

One: Tonight, we draw close to the stable,

**All: to see a mother rocking her baby.**

One: Tonight, we draw close to the stable,

**All: as God is born for one and all.**

**Carol: "A Candle Is Burning"** (*Lighting of the Christ Candle*) **VU#6**

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

**Holy One, this evening as we gather around your light, we come to celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus to our waiting hearts. Born long ago and still today, may the child of all blessing be among us, and let us proclaim to all the world that the waiting is over, the living Christ is here! Hallelujah. Amen.**

**Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**VU#60**

## Charlie Brown's Christmas

Part One

**Carol:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 + 2 **VU#64**  
*Snoopy goes to visit the stable*

Part Two

**Carol:** "Away in a Manger" **VU# 69**  
*Placing a manger at the stable*

Part Three

**Carol:** "O Christmas Tree"  
*Charlie Browns tree arrives at the stable*

Part Four

**Carol:** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" **VU#75**  
*Sheep arrive at the stable*

Part Five

**Carol:** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" vs 1 + 2 **VU#44**  
*Angels appear at the stable.*

### **Invitation to Offering:**

Here this evening, we welcome the precious gift of Christ into our world. Light from light, love from love, He comes to enlighten our lives. Thankful for this great gift, we now offer our own gifts. May they be used to birth the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love into the world and into our lives.

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 vs. 1**

**Offertory Prayer** (*unison*)

**God of stars and stables, of wealthy sovereigns and homeless youth, we each bring our gifts as we are able, knowing that the strength of your love will bless these gifts, the givers, and those who receive them. Empowered by your Son, born to us this night, we rededicate ourselves to the ministry of your church in the world guided by the light of all lights, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Part Five

**Carol:** "What Child Is This" vs 1+2  
*Jesus lays in the manger*

**VU#74**

**Invitation Forward**

**Happy Birthday Jesus**

**Blessing:** (*unison*)

**May the Love of God, the Light of Christ,  
And the Joy of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you this holy night, now and forevermore.  
Amen.**

**Postlude**



*Merry Christmas!*