



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 11:00 P.M.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

On this holy night, we gather,

dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.

On this holy night, we gather,

eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.

On this holy night, we gather,

quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.

On this holy night, we gather,

singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: Christ is born!

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 133

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER

God, who has stepped into this world,
let us see that you have stepped into our hearts.
Fill us with the light of your promise.
Spirit of our present God, fan the flame that is within us
that we may share your light with others.
Thank you, holy God, for your gift of love born to us this night.
In Christ's name, Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

ALEX COLLEY

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL No. 121

ST. LOUIS

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
(verse 1)



LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

SAMUEL GILREATH

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL No. 128

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY
(verse 1)



LESSON

LUKE 2:8-14

AINSLEY GALE

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL No. 113

GLORIA

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
(verse 1)



LESSON

LUKE 2:15-20

BO NANNEY

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL No. 145

GREENSLEEVES

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?
(verse 1)

HOMILY

REV. POWERS

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JULIA BERGER

from A Christmas Affirmation written by the SALT Project

As Christians, we believe in a God who creates all things:
people, religions, languages, beauty, and every color in the rainbow.

**As Christians, we believe in a God who becomes flesh,
is born in a stable, a refugee with nowhere to lay his head.**

As Christians, we believe in a God who fills us with the courage
to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and love the foreigner
because we were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

**This is who we are as Christians:
people created to love, to welcome the stranger,
and to walk, hand in hand with all God's people,
through God's starry night and into the dawn.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

JACQUE BREUER

OFFERTORY

O HOLY NIGHT
ALEX COLLEY, VOCAL SOLOIST

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MARSHALL LAWRENCE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SLOANE CLARK

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

REV. POWERS AND THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Ushers will guide you to come forward down the center aisle.

If you are unable to go to the front, please remain in your seat, and you will be served in the pew.

*After receiving the elements and a candle, we invite everyone to recess to the TK Young Room, and form a circle
for the passing of the light. Remember to take your bulletin, so you will have the words to the carols.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

MILES ORR, PIANO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 122

STILLE NACHT

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!

ANDREW BERGER, GUITAR

¹ 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.

³ 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.

² 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!"

⁴ 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.

*BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 134

ANTIOCH

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Please extinguish candles and leave them in the baskets in the hallway as you go out.

OFFERING

We believe that as we practice generosity, we bear the fruit of God's Spirit. If you would like to make a year-end gift, you may do so online through Realm, by placing a check or cash in the offering plate, or by mailing a check to 1750 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104, postmarked no later than December 31, 2025.

If you have not made your 2026 Commitment, please fill out a commitment card and place it in the offering plate, update your commitment through Realm, or email Amanda Kohr at akohr@idlewildchurch.org. We are grateful for your generosity, and we appreciate the ways that your gifts make possible the mission and ministry of Idlewild!



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