

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022



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December 24, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Theme: *From Generation to Generation*

There is Room for Every Story

The Thematic Interpretation

The root word of “generation” is “gen,” meaning “origin” or “birth.” Our theme is also a call to action: What are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and others who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Who are the spiritual elders in your community who planted the seeds for the things that are now blooming? What seeds are you planting for the future? From *Generation to Generation*... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. In the midst of narratives and rhetoric designed to divide us, what does it look like to practice belonging to one another? The work of God is always unfolding— in and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?

The Greeting

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christ Child be with you. **And also with you!**

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

The Holy Boy, John Ireland

The Call to Worship

Ann Hale

One Voice: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All Voices: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

One Voice: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; and authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

All Voices: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*The Carol

Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful, No. 173

The Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Susan Reed

***The Carol**

Congregation

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come, No. 146

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Susan Reed

Luke 2:1-14

The Instrumental Reflection

Jennifer Harberson

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, arr. Mark Hayes

The Homily

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The Service of Holy Communion

Bread of Life

Cup of Salvation

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

John 1:1-5, 14

(The Pastor will go to the Christ candle and receive the light and then pass it to the worshipers. After your candle is lit, please light the candle of the person next to you as we begin to sing Silent Night.)

***The Carol**

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.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

**On the last line of the introduction to the carols, please stand in body or in spirit.*



Our promise to each other:

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

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