

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield

7 pm Christmas Eve 2023

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

Hymn Be still and know #64

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN O Come , All Ye Faithful (v 1, 3) #159

CALL TO WORSHIP 4th Sunday of Advent Love [Insert]

HYMN Away in a Manger #149

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE [Insert]

HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #139

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION [**responsive**]

God of grace and truth, in Christ you offer us the gift of yourself, but we are attracted to presents under the tree. You came to us in flesh and blood, but we fail to see you in the humans right beside us. You shine in the world, but we dwell on the darkness in the daily news. Forgive us. Renew our hope and our trust in you as you reach out to us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Mary Had a Baby Linda Street
African-American Spiritual Arranged by Joan Frey Boytim

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-56 [B#56 /W#58]

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem #165

GOSPEL Luke 2:8-20 [B#58 /W#59]

SPECIAL MUSIC O Holy Night Linda Street
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) Edited/ arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen

GOSPEL John 1:1-14 [B#91 /W#94]

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word.
The word of the Lord.

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with the Lord's prayer

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

HYMN Silent night #154

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Joy to the world #153

Welcome to Knox Bayfield!

We are delighted you are here to worship! All are welcome. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book at the entrance to the sanctuary.

The sanctuary lights are turned off as the candles are lit for the Passing of the Light, the hymn Silent Night, and the benediction. To light your candle, tilt the unlit candle to share the flame. Do not tilt the lit candle! To avoid dripping wax be sure your coat is not lying on the back of the pew.



We welcome and thank our guest soloist Linda Street for sharing her vocal talents with us during this Christmas Eve worship Service.