

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24, 2018



Candles flicker throughout the nave. The story of our Savior's birth has just been proclaimed from the Gospel. The music begins, and we join together in song:

*"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!"*

It is a moment filled with awe and joy as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, who came to bring us the light of God's eternal love. Our worship that night through the beauty of the decorated nave, the music, the sermon, and the candlelight reflects the most precious gift of God's only Son, who has come into the world for our salvation.

All three evening services include Christmas carols, candlelight, and the nave decorated in all its grandeur. Come to the worship service that is right for you and your family.

The *Family Christmas Eve Service* at 5:00 p.m. is designed for families with children. The service includes a prelude by an Instrumental Ensemble, the reading of the Christmas story, anthems by the Creation, Celebration, and Chalice Choirs, and the children's Christmas message.



The *Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion* at 7:00 p.m. offers the sacrament by intinction for those wishing to receive it. In addition to harp, violin, and brass, the Philethia Choir provides the choral music. The service is preceded by 30 minutes of special music.

The *Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* at 11:00 p.m. keeps vigil as we await the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Chancel Choir, harp, violin, and brass provide the inspirational music 30 minutes before the service and during the service as well.



New Year's Eve Worship

With Holy Communion

Monday, December 31, 2018 ~ 5:30 p.m.

New Year's **EVE** *Worship*

As you celebrate the New Year and ponder what lies ahead, come worship at St. John's, New Year's Eve in the nave. Come to receive Christ's body and blood so that you may start the New Year new in Christ with assurance of forgiveness and strengthened faith.