

**Join Us on Sunday Mornings!**

The Garden at 9 a.m.

Together to Gather at 10 a.m.

First Congregational at 11 a.m.

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Participating in Today's Service:

Jesse Wittman - Bass

Mike Kessler - Drums

Sean Baker and Doran Nash - Piano

Michael Clark - Guitar

Scott Carroll - Sound engineer

Jaco Carroll - Tech engineer

Ben James - Tech engineer

*“You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you—news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David’s city, a savior—the Messiah—has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you’ll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth, lying in a manger.” Suddenly, there was a multitude of heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in high heaven! And on earth, peace to those on whom God’s favor rests.”*

### **Message Part 3**

Rev. Dr. Sarah

### **Candle Lighting**

*As we light our candles, use caution, turning unlit candle sideways and holding lit candle upright.*

*Battery candles available.*

### **Song: “Silent Night”**

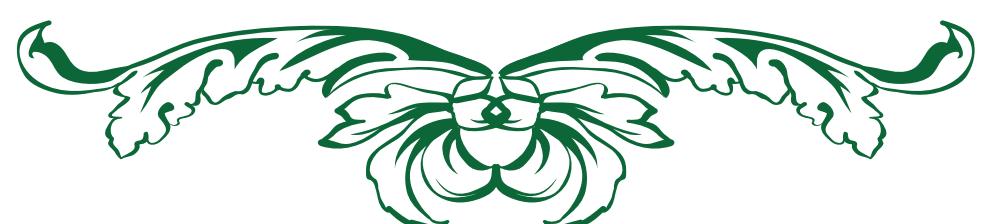
### **Closing Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Sarah

### **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Carolyn and Rev. Dr. Sarah & Rev. Richard

### **Postlude: “Joy to the World”**



**Christmas Eve  
2025**



# Order of Service

## Prelude: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

### Welcome

Rev. Richard Brendan, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
& Rev. Dr. Carolyn Scanlan-Holmes

## Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

## Reading: Isaiah 9:1-3, 6-7 | The Prophecy

Scott Semester

"But there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish! In the past God humbled the land of Zebulun, the land of Naphtali, but in the future God will bring glory to his Road to the Sea, this Land beyond the Jordan, this Galilee of the Nations. The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light—upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining! God, you have made the nation greater—you have brought them abundant joy! For a child is born to us, an heir is given us, upon whose shoulders dominion will rest. This One shall be called, "Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God, Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace. This dominion, and this peace, will grow, without end, with David's throne and realm sustained with justice and fairness, now and forever.

### Message Part 1

Rev. Richard

## Song: "Away in a Manger"

## Reading: Luke 2:1-7 | The Journey and Birth

Sean Baker

*In those days, Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole Roman world. The first census took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All the people were instructed to go back to the towns of their birth to register. And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the "city of David"—Bethlehem, in Judea, because Joseph was of the house of and lineage of David; he went to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she put him in simple cloth wrapped like a receiving blanket, and laid him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no room for them at the inn.*

### Message Part 2

Rev. Dr. Carolyn

### Prayer

Rev. Dr. Carolyn & Rev. Dr. Sarah

## Offering | "Gesù Bambino" - Martens, Yon

Sean Baker

## Reading: Luke 2:8-14 | The Announcement

Carter Lund

*There were shepherds in the area living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angels of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid. The angel said to them,*

Tonight on Christmas Eve,  
First Congregational Church of  
Indy and The Garden come together  
to celebrate the joy and wonder of  
Jesus' birth in this shared service.  
We are delighted to join voices and  
hearts for this special evening.

The service will weave together  
gifts of both congregations—music,  
prayer, readings, and storytelling—in  
a spirit of unity and welcome.

Whether you are part of FCIndy  
or The Garden, or simply seeking a  
place to experience the wonder of  
Christmas, we welcome you as we  
celebrate the light that shines in the  
darkness and the hope that brings us  
together.



We invite you to join us in the  
parlor for refreshments after  
service this evening.