

**\*Carol & Candle Lighting No. 145**     *Silent Night*     STILLE NACHT

To light the candles, tilt the unlighted candle and light it from the flame of the lit candle.

Please do not tilt lit candles. We have special candles available for children.  
After the service, please place extinguished candles in the baskets at the exits.

**\*Benediction**     Leah Davis

*Our ushers will be at the doors to collect candles and donations for our benevolence fund. This fund serves those in need in our congregation and our community. Please give generously this Christmas Eve.*

*We go into the stillness and quiet of the night, knowing we are the ones to make room for God's love.*



# Ravensworth

## BAPTIST CHURCH

An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.

*"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12*

Christmas Eve

4pm, December 24, 2024



**Abolition Baby** by Nicolette Peñaranda

*While I typically produce maximalist canvases with overwhelming details, this piece is toned down and more precision-oriented. As someone who has never been able to draw a straight line, creating this quilt design out of paper was a discipline in and of itself. Creating it made me think of the kind of diligence and patience needed to sew a fabric quilt. These are projects made with love. The hands that sew them should never be taken for granted. I will note that Jesus would grow up to call out any society that created environments where people are forced to commit crimes or work in unprecedented fields in order to survive.*

*Mary was excited to bring Jesus into the world because she believed in the promise of liberation for her people. Jesus' birth was a symbol of hope for the future, for a freed people. Love knows his name. And it is freedom.*

# The Worship of God

*“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.”*

Psalm 63:1

## Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

## \*Call to Worship

Lydia & Sadie Davis

They will know we are Christians, by our Love

**By our Love.**

They will know we are Christians, by our love

**By our love.**

**They will know we are Christians by our love.**

In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child.

The time came for Mary to give birth,

so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

And the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors.”

**Let us worship God-with-us!**

## \*Invocation

Anna Rullan-Garcia

## \*Carols

**Hymn No. 125**

*Come, O Long-expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

**Hymn No. 151**

*The First Noel, verse 1*

THE FIRST NOEL

**Hymn No. 153**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, verse 1*

CAROL

## A Time for All Ages

Anna Rullan-Garcia

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

RBC Kids & Youth

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?

Where do we start?

**Let us begin with hope.**

**Let us begin with peace.**

**Let us begin with joy.**

**Let us begin with love.**

Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name.

Today, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we light the Christ Candle.

For surely God is in this place.

Surely the Spirit is near.

Surely love knows our name.

**May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born.**

**A light shines in the shadows and the shadows cannot overcome it.**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.**

**Carol No. 143**

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

**How Do You Begin?**

Jose Rullan-Rodriguez

**Carol No. 155**

*Angels We Have Heard on High, verse 1*

GLORIA

**First Lesson, Luke 2:1-7**

Lauren Geraghty

**Carol No. 155**

*Angels We Have Heard on High, verse 2*

GLORIA

**Second Lesson, Luke 2:8-14**

Susan Riedinger

**Carol No. 155**

*Angels We Have Heard on High, verse 3*

GLORIA

**Third Lesson, Luke 2:15-20**

Marshall Marks

**Carol No. 155**

*Angels We Have Heard on High, verse 4*

GLORIA

**Musical Message**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Will Baskin

**A Christmas Poem**

*Hey Love, by Sarah A. Speed*

Nancy Koehler

**Homily**

*Love Knows Your Name*

Leah Davis

**Musical Message**

*The Rose*

**A Christmas Prayer**

Leah Davis

# *Christmas 2024*

*The poinsettias in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and ...*

In memory of Bobby & Jean Bell.  
In memory of Joe and Ann Balun.

***Laura Balun***

In honor of my sister Maybelle.

***Harper Shroeder***

In honor of Santiago Garcia.

***Anna Rullan-Garcia***

In memory of Abuela Dari.

***Jose Rullan-Rodriguez***

In memory of Carol and Mike Funk.

In honor of Herb Funk.

***Kathy Funk***

In memory of Usin Marks.

***Marshall Marks***

In memory of my parents Agnes and Marshall Weber.

***Carol Weber***

In memory of our daughter Leslie.

***Kathy & Rhine Morgan***

In memory of Ann's parents Ralph and Lela Ziegenhorn.

In memory of Larry's parents Andrew and Olive Hatcher.

***Ann and Larry Hatcher***

In honor of my Kay and G.J. Tarazi.

In honor of the RBC staff.

***Lola Kane***

In honor of all activists and organizers fighting for better working conditions,  
racial justice, and reproductive rights.

***April Pavis-Shroeder***

In honor of Evan and Lena Bourne.

***Ron Bourne***

In memory of Ray and Dorothy Farmer.

***Dave Farmer***

In memory of my parents John and Alta Sowders.  
In memory of my uncle and aunt, Don and Sue Lasley.

***Deb Sowders***

In honor of Lola Kane, who knows how to keep putting one foot  
in front of the other with a smile on her face.

***Lourie Russell***

In honor of our RBC family and in gratitude for its loving support  
these last months.

***Kay & G.J. Tarazi***

***Fran Watkins***