

United Church of Christ at The Villages

Service of The Word

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service, 5pm

PRELUDE

“He Shall Feed His Flock ”
Composed by George Friedrich Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Billie Navojosky

*HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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*HYMN

“What Child Is This”

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WELCOME, PASTORAL INVOCATION, AND LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

arranged by Camp Kirkland

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Marilyn Carlson, soloist, Barbara Coulter, accompanist

traditional Polish carol

CHRISTMAS POEM by St. Bernard of Clairvaux 1100AD

Read by Caleb Duncan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mandy & Jeremy Duncan

LESSONS IN CAROLS: The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

Billie Navojosky, reader

Luke 2:1–7 (RSV)

“The First Noel”

Luke 2:12-16 (RSV)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Matthew 2:1–2, 9-11 (RSV)

“We Three Kings ”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew Chapter 1:21-23 and Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-15 (REB)

Billie Navojosky

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Janice DiDonato, soloist

Text by John S. Dwight, Music by Adolphe Adam

MEDITATION

“Advent: Hope for a Weary World: GOD. WITH. US ”

Pastor Joe DiDonato

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Please hold lighted candle UPRIGHT. Let the person with the unlighted candle move it to take the light from the lit candle.

*HYMN

“Silent Night”

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BENEDICTION

Serving You Today

Pastor:	The Rev. Joseph A. DiDonato
Music Director:	Mike West
Accompanist:	Barbara Coulter
Worship Readers:	Billie Navojosky, Caleb Duncan
Advent Reader/Candles:	Mandy & Jeremy Duncan
AV:	Ann Turso