

# United Church of Christ at The Villages

## Service of The Word

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service, 5:30pm

*\*Indicates, "All who are able, please stand"*

**PRELUDE** "Christmas Piano Duets" George Bellefontaine & Lynne Breil

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Peter Winnen

**CHRIST CANDLE** Connie Phelan & Karen Pfeffer

### CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

**The First Noel/Away in a Manger**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**WELCOME and PASTORAL PRAYER**

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" Jamie Klatt, solo

### CHOIR ANTHEMS

Christmas Hallelujah Melody by Leonard Cohen

Sing We All Noel By Ruth Elaine Schram

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Peter Winnen

Luke Chapter 2 verses 12–16 (RSV) and Matthew Chapter 1 verses 21-23

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "O Holy Night" Janice DiDonato, solo

### CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

**"Immanuel! 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" See screen

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" By Joel Rainey

### Serving You Today

Pastor: The Rev. Joseph A. DiDonato

Choir Director: Donna Kagan

Accompanist: George Bellefontaine & Lynne Breil

Worship Readers: Peter Winnen

Advent Reader/Candles: Connie Phelan & Karen Pfeffer

AV: Denny Lawson