

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Carol #89 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

HOPE

Psalms 130:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
1 Peter 1:3-5
Prayer

Special Music - Women's Trio "The Birthday of the King"
Betty Larsen, Elaine Poelstra, Kathy Mettler

PEACE

Isaiah 9:6-7
John 14:27
Colossians 1:19-20
Prayer

Hymn #98 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

JOY

Jeremiah 33:10-11; 14-16
Luke 2:11-14
Philippians 1:18c-26
Prayer

Hymn #93 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LOVE

Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18
Luke 6:35-36
1 John 4:7-12
Prayer

Special Music - the Carr Family "Is He Worthy?"
MESSAGE, based on Revelation 5:1-14

Sharing the Light - Lighting of the Candles
Hymn #85 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

- 1) Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild—sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2) Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia—Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
- 3) Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace—Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Hymn #87 "Joy to the World"

1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2) Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3) No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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Postlude

The Candlelight Closing has for years been a favorite of Christmas Eve worship services. When lighting the candles, please tip the unlit candle towards the lit candle which is standing straight. After your candle is lit, the flame must be fully enclosed within the plastic cup with the top of the flame below the rim of the cup, to prevent drips and safer burning.

Thank you to everyone

who donated poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone

who participated in the service this evening: to all of the readers, special music singers, musicians, and to everyone who came.

Merry Christmas!

Please join us again on Sunday for our morning worship at 9:30 AM.

Rev. David Reck will be our guest minister.

There will be NO Sunday School.



*“Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:11*

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