

Riverview Reformed Church
1700 Burleigh, Yankton, SD
Pastor Jacob Van Der Linden

December 24, 2022
5:30 PM
Pianist Marcie Kruse

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Prelude

Hymn #100 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Red Hymnal—ALL VERSES)

“A Simple Christmas Pageant”
By Cindy Sterling & Sheldon Curry

Cast:

Story Teller— Pam Hamberger Saint Nicholas— Pastor Jake
Mary— Elaine Poelstra Joseph—Terry Poelstra
Angel Gabriel—Dorothea Hoebelheinrich
Angels –Betty Larsen & Brynlyn Hamberger
Innkeeper—Brian Hamberger
Shepherds—Eric Guthmiller & Lane Guthmiller
Wisemen—Shane Bertsch, Doyle Guthmiller, Dave Reck
Pianist - Marcie Kruse Director - Pam Hamberger
Assistant Director & Costumes - Emma Hamberger

Please sing along on the following Hymns when indicated:

#83 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (VERSES 1 & 5...Red Hymnal)

(1) O Come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(5) O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home where all Thy saints with Thee shall dwell—O come, O come, Emmanuel! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#89 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (VERSES 1 & 4...Red Hymnal)

(1) Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains, in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

(4) See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

#92 “O Little Town of Bethlehem (VERSES 1 & 4...Red Hymnal)

(1) O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

(4) O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in—be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, above with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

#97 “There's a Song in the Air (VERSE 1...Red Hymnal)

(1) There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

#95 “While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks” (VERSES 1 & 5...Red Hymnal)

(1) While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

(5) “All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace: Good will henceforth from heav'n to men begin and never cease! Begin and never cease!”

#86 “Away in a Manger” (VERSES 1 & 3...Red Hymnal)

(1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

(3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

#166 “We Three Kings” (VERSES 1 & 5...BLUE Hymnal)

(1) We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar—field and fountain, moor and mountain—following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(5) Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

#87 “Joy to the World” (ALL VERSES...Red Hymnal)

(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 nation prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Lighting the Christ Candle/Prayer

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.

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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.

Please join us again tomorrow morning,
Sunday, Christmas Day,
for our morning worship at 9:30 AM.
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*

RIVERVIEW REFORMED CHURCH

Poinsettia Donations

In Memory of Sally Tjeerdsma
Given by her Children and Grandchildren

In Memory of our Parents Henry & Theresa Namminga, Don Poelstra,
and Joyce Bowen
Given by Terry & Elaine Poelstra

In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents Darrell & Yvonne Swensen,
and Aunt & Uncle Kenny & Donna Mellem
Given by Mark & Kerri Swensen & Family, Marty & Jodi Swensen & family,
and Glen & Kari Neuharth & family

In Memory of Harold Hoffman
Given by Arda Hoffman

In Memory of Dan, Ray & Mary Bouza
In Memory of Gladys & Alfred Souhrada
Given by Renae Bouza & family

In Memory of Richard & Steven Gall
In Honor of Arlene Gall and Lester & Shirley Muehlbeier
Given by Teresa & Rod Gall

In Honor Of Pastor Jake, Danielle, Gordon & Henry Van Der Linden
Given by Larry & Kathy Mettler

In Memory of Wayne Pibal, Jr., Shirley Herrboldt & Esther Bittner
Given by Lisa Pibal

Thank you to everyone

who donated poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone

who participated in tonight's pageant.

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