



Your *savior* is born  
today in David's city.

He is

*Christ*  
THE *Lord.*

LUKE 2:11 (CEB)



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

GREETING

One Voice: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All Voices: **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – “Noel” (Grand Jeu et Duo).....Louis-Claude Daquin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Stitt family

***Light of Light***  
*Responsive Litany*

One Voice: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has  
dawned!

**All Voices: O come, let us adore him!**

One Voice: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has  
dawned!

**All Voices: O come, let us adore him!**

One Voice: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new  
light has dawned!

**All Voices: O come, let us adore him!**

One Voice: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new  
day has dawned!

**All Voices: O come, let us adore him!**

Tonight, we light ALL the candles on the Advent Wreath as we open our eyes to the glory of Christ’s birth. As we light a FIRST candle, we celebrate the PEACE that transcends our hurting world. The SECOND candle celebrates the HOPE that tears the veil of hostility and division. The THIRD candle celebrates the LOVE that covers our guilt. As we light a FOURTH candle, we celebrate the JOY that can dry every tear. The flame of the CHRIST candle opens our eyes to God’s everlasting LIGHT, as we celebrate the way to worship Christ – our newborn King – in spirit and in truth.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, tonight we join the angelic choir proclaiming glory to God in the highest. In a world where people seek the perfect gift to give, we rejoice because you've already given it. As you lit up the sky that first Christmas, continue to illuminate our world with your presence. We pray on this Christmas Eve that you will guide our every step, hear our every prayer and delight in every praise as we come and worship Christ, our newborn King. Amen.

## \*CONVENING HYMN – “The First Noel”. vs. 1,2,3 & 6

1 The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - erent  
6 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great  
came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -  
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and  
ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in his pres -  
to our heav - en - ly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of

*Refrain*  
sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -  
stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace: this most holy of nights brings us—all at the same time—gladness, grief, and joy.**

**We are glad because you left the splendor of Heaven’s glory to come to earth, to bring the light and warmth of your Kingdom to a world so very much in need of you—along with your love, your peace, your joy.**

**We grieve because you came into the world, yet the world did not receive you. You came to your own, and your own did not welcome you. Still today, many turn away from you. Far too frequently, I turn away from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people.**

**We also rejoice, because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who confess sin and acknowledge need of you.**

**Cleanse my heart tonight, Lord Jesus, that I may welcome you as I long to welcome you, certain that I am also welcomed by you.  
Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – “Glori Patri”**

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it

was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A - men.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves: two vocal staves (treble and bass clef) and two piano accompaniment staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal staves.

ANTHEM.....The Chancel Choir  
"Be Born In Us".....Gaines/Schram

## SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Elder Michele Groover

### HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121 (Responsive)

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Epistle – Hebrews 3:7-15

- <sup>7</sup> Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
"Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
on the day of testing in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> where your fathers put me to the test  
and saw my works for forty years.  
<sup>10</sup> Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;  
they have not known my ways.'

<sup>11</sup> As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

<sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

<sup>15</sup> As it is said,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

## PREACHING TEXT

Gospel – Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

<sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

One Voice: The word of the Lord!

**All Voices: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON – “Messengers”.....Ben Claypool

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer

ANTHEM - .....The Chancel Choir

“Let All Mortal Flesh”.....arr. Don Chapman

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING - God’s Tithes/Our Offerings

OFFERTORY – “Cradle Hymn”

\*DOXOLOGY – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – ‘A Christmas Creed’ (Anonymous)

**I believe in Jesus Christ, and in the beauty of the gospel that made Bethlehem famous. I believe in the One of whose coming only shepherds saw the sign and for whom a crowded town could find no room.**

**I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible, in the One whose cradle was a mother’s arm, whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth; I believe in the One who looked at persons and helped them see what His love saw in them; in the One who by His love brings sinners to repentance, and lifts human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

**I acknowledge the glory of all that is Christlike – the loyalty of friends, the blessedness of homes and families, the beauty of compassion, the miracle of hearts made kind at Christmas and the courage of those who dare to resist injustice and hate. I believe that only by love expressed is Christ best honored.**

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life. Amen.**



# LIGHTING THE CANDLES

## THE CONGREGATION SINGING – “Silent Night”

1 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
2 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight,  
3 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

The first system of musical notation for 'Silent Night' is in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The first measure is marked with a Bb chord. The second measure is marked with an F7 chord. The third measure is marked with a Bb chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

'round yon vir - gin moth-er and child; ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and  
glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le - lu -  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing

The second system of musical notation for 'Silent Night' is in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The first measure is marked with an Eb chord. The second measure is marked with a Bb chord. The third measure is marked with an Eb chord. The fourth measure is marked with a Bb chord. The fifth measure is marked with an Eb chord. The sixth measure is marked with a Bb chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The third system of musical notation for 'Silent Night' is in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The first measure is marked with an F7 chord. The second measure is marked with a Bb chord. The third measure is marked with a Bb/F chord. The fourth measure is marked with an F chord. The fifth measure is marked with an F7 chord. The sixth measure is marked with a Bb chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## CLOSING PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

# \*CLOSING HYMN – “Joy To the World”

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 (1) and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heaven and na - ture sing,

POSTLUDE

*Floral tributes in the Chancel this Christmas Eve  
are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory or in  
honor of loved ones. All providing flowers may take them home  
after worship this evening.*

In loving memory of my wife Betty Mentch  
given by Thomas Mentch

In loving memory of Andy Eddy  
given by parents Ben and Patty Eddy

In loving memory of our parents  
given by parents Ben and Patty Eddy

In loving memory of Pastor Rick Cepris  
given by wife Lyn

In loving memory of Jim and Iris Reigelman  
given by their daughter Mary Jane Fay

In loving memory of Bill Fay  
given by his wife Mary Jane and family

In loving memory of Blaine and Shirley Mumau  
given by daughters Gail Gongaware and Barbara Smith

In loving memory of Gary Gongaware  
given by daughters Gail Gongaware and Barbara Smith

In loving memory of Paul and Mona Heaton  
given by Wynne and Tim Eckhardt

In loving memory of Bud and Edith Eckhardt  
given by Wynne and Tim Eckhardt

In honor of Journey and Rae  
given by Mauna and Papa

In loving memory of our parents  
given by Randy and Sue Blum

In honor of M.J. Hornick  
given by Gram and Pop Hornick

In loving memory of Joyce and Elmer Sindlinger  
given by Tammy and Harry Hornick

In loving memory of Ellen and John Hornick  
given by Tammy and Harry Hornick

In loving memory of David and Margaret Graham  
given by daughters Janice Harbison and Karen Shilling and families

In loving memory of Albert and Martha Redfoot  
given by granddaughters Janice Harbison and Karen Shilling and families

In loving memory of Donald Patterson and Matthew Patterson  
given by Karen and Ben Patterson family

In honor of grandchildren Thomas & Emily Alvarez & Jacob and  
Nathan Harpst  
given by Thomas and Hazel Harpst

In loving memory of Jack Loutzenhiser  
given by wife Jane and sons, John, Jim and Cris

In loving memory of Jack Loutzenhiser  
given by his grandchildren Grant, Elise and Evan

In loving memory of Holly Humphrey Frampton  
given by her Uncle

In loving memory of John and Nancy Ridgeway  
given by Terry Ridgeway

In loving memory of David E. Frew  
given by Terry Ridgeway

In loving memory of Pastor David and in honor of Bonnie Dobi  
given by Nancy Houser

In honor of Pastor Ben and Stephanie Claypool  
given by Nancy Hauser

In honor of Sue Blum and Randy Curtis  
given by Nancy Hauser

In loving memory of Ronald 'Bo' Artman  
given by wife Cherri and family

In loving memory of Ed and Leona Camlin  
given by their son Ed Camlin

In loving memory of Tom and Jean Holman  
given by daughter Linda Camlin

In loving memory of Bill Fay  
given by David Fay family

In honor of Jane Schamberg  
given by grandparents David and Gail Fay

In loving memory of Edna Deist (Dale's mother)  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In loving memory of Donald Deist (Dale's father)  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In loving memory of Bill Hanft (Barbara's brother)  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In loving memory of Dorothy Hanft (Barbara's mother)  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In honor of Oscar Hanft (Barbara's father)  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In honor of grandchildren Lily and Liam Wilson;  
Riley, Benji and Josie Holden; Dominic Deist  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

In loving memory of our parents Louis and Louise Dobi  
and Don and Glenys Haine  
given by David and Bonnie Dobi

In honor of our grandchildren and children  
given by Bill and Sally Fagley

In loving memory of Joan Stoyer,  
given by Lucy Wheaton

In loving memory of Clayton and Myrene Stoyer  
given by Lucy Wheaton

In loving memory of Vince and Jean McCready  
given by Lucy Wheaton

In loving memory of Lynn D. Gruber and Randall Gruber  
given by Treasa Gruber

In loving memory of Margaret Trezona  
given by Treasa Gruber

In loving memory of Donna Peterson  
given by the Curtis and Mason families

In loving memory David Schreiber, Bill Groover and Nikki Ensbrunner  
given by Doug, Michele and Dillon Groover

In loving memory of Jack, Marjorie and Dale Dershimer  
given by Drew, Ericka and Jack Dershimer

In loving memory of Merton Hutton  
given by Drew, Ericka and Jack Dersheimer

In loving memory of Galen and Helen Chalfant  
given by Phil and Connie Chalfant

In loving memory of Ken and Jean Brown  
given by Phil and Connie Chalfant

In loving memory of Edna Hurd  
given by husband John

In loving memory of parents Clifford and Vera Seidle  
and William and Ann Geisel  
given by Dave and Betty Geisel

In loving memory of Joe and Kay Gallino  
given by their grandchildren

In loving memory of Anna Walker  
given by her children and grandchildren

In loving memory of LeRoy Walker  
given by his children and grandchildren

In honor of Jesus and the Lamb





