

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2008

8:00 p.m.

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*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." (Isaiah 9: 6)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**"Pastorale"** by Alexandre Guilmant  
Miah Han, organ

**"What Child Is This?"** arr. by Stephen Bulla  
Lynn Martin-flugelhorn, Taemin Han-piano

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** arr. by Douglas Court  
Danielle Fowler- flute, Taemin Han-piano

**"Rejoice and Sing this Christmas Morn"** by Eleanor Daley  
Jacqueline Miller, Martha Delargey,  
Taemin Han, Keith Brown- vocal quartet  
Miah Han, organ

A Christmas Prelude with Choral Introit:  
**"Joy to the World"** by Joel Raney  
Taemin and Miah Han, piano and organ  
Grace Han, flute  
Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Roxie

We extend a special welcome to all guests. **You come as a guest and leave as family. May God bless you this Christmas and throughout the coming year.** CDs and DVDs are available of tonight's worship. CDs are \$2.00 and DVDs are \$5.00. Please order through the church office.

Please note the announcements which are on the back of the bulletin. Please sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are in your pews and please greet those around you. They may be new to the church.

If you did not receive a candle (or a battery-operated candle for the littlest children), please ask an usher for what you need. Please do not light them until we sing "Silent Night." The children's battery-operated candles are lit by turning the gold base of the bulb. Do not turn the bulb itself.

PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH

PRELUDE Miah Han, organ  
Lynn Martin, Mason Thaxton - trumpets  
Larry Huntington, Bradley Barry - trombones  
"Christmas Fantasy" for Organ and Brass  
Arr. by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP John 3:16 Julie Piatek

WE PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS BY LIGHTING  
THE ADVENT CANDLES Danielle Fowler & Mike King

L: We light the first Advent candle as a sign of God's hope  
for the world, found in Jesus Christ.

**P: We thank you, O God, for hope that overcomes despair.**

L: We light this second Advent candle as a sign of God's  
peace.

**P: God, thank you for giving us Your peace through Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace.**

L: We light this third Advent candle as a sign of the joy we  
find in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus  
Christ.

**P: We thank you, God, for filling us with the joy of Christ.**

L: We light this fourth Advent candle as a sign of God's love  
given to us through Jesus.

**P: God so loved us that he sent us His only Son. Help us,  
Lord, to love one another.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 Joy to the World!

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Christian Ball  
LORD and GOD..... (join in the LORD'S PRAYER)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE Katie Elliott

Liturgist: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Please stand and greet one another, saying, "Merry Christmas, the peace of Christ be with you," or something similar.)

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: THE CHILD WILL BE  
BORN IN BETHLEHEM Sara Ball  
Micah 5:2-5

HYMN #43 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1-2)

ANTHEM Sara Ball, vocal solo  
"Little Noel (Petit Noël)" Taemin Han, piano  
Emile Louis

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: A SON WILL BE GIVEN  
TO US WHO SHALL BE "THE PRINCE OF PEACE"  
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Katie Elliott

HYMN #38 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
(verses 1-2)

NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY: ANGEL TELLS JOSEPH  
OF JESUS' COMING BIRTH Kayda Focht  
Matthew 1: 18-25

## JESUS IS BORN

ANTHEM Chancel Choir with Congregation  
"Christmas Chant and Processional"

Arr. by John Purifoy

Congregation:

**1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:**

**2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Mike King & Sara Ball  
L: We light the Christ candle, praising God for the gift of  
His Son, Jesus Christ.  
P: **We praise you, O God, for your gift of salvation  
through Jesus, our Lord.**

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM Julie Piatek  
Luke 2: 1-7

ANTHEM Keith Brown, vocal solo  
"Christmas (Weihnachten)" Taemin Han, piano  
E. Humperdinck

ANGELS TELL SHEPHERDS ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH  
Luke 2: 8-14 Christian Ball

HYMN #23 Angels We Have Heard on High  
(verses 1-2)

SHEPHERDS VISIT BABY JESUS Danielle Fowler  
Luke 2: 15-20

\*HYMN #31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MESSAGE "God's Breakthrough" Pastor Bill

### GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF JESUS

GIVE BACK TO GOD OUR GIFTS Pastor  
(The Joy Offering Envelopes are in your bulletins. All of the envelope offerings will go to the "Feed the Hungry" Program. Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign your name, address, e-mail and phone, so we can properly greet you if you are visiting with us tonight).

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Taemin and Miah Han,  
"O Holy Night" piano and organ  
Adolphe Adam, arr. by John F. Wilson

### REMEMBERING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

EXPLANATION OF CANDLE LIGHTING  
**During the introduction to Silent Night the pastors will light their candles from the Christ candle, then light the candles of the college and career young people, who will pass it to everyone. Please pass on the light to your neighbor by holding the lit candle upright and the unlit candle sideways. Light the battery-operated candles by turning the gold base under the bulb. Do not turn the bulb itself.**

**When Jesus is referred to in "Silent Night," raise your candle to symbolize the world's need to see the "Light of the World."**

INTRODUCTION OF "SILENT NIGHT" Taemin Han, piano  
F. Gruber, arr. by Clarence Kohlmann

\*HYMN #60 Silent Night  
**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

CHARGE/BENEDICTION Pastors

POSTLUDE Organist

"A Joyous Christmas"  
Arr. by John Leavitt  
\* Congregation stands.

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND BLESSED NEW YEAR**