



# Christmas Eve

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## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

A Service of Scripture and Carols

December 24, 2009

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

7:30 P.M.

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### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETINGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On a night long ago, when the stars shone brightly in the sky,

**P: Jesus Christ was born.**

L: Underneath the light of one especially bright star,

**P: Jesus Christ was born.**

L: In a plain and simple manger,

**P: Jesus Christ was born.**

L: Wrapped in a mother's embrace and a father's care,

**P: Jesus Christ was born.**

L: So that we might know God better,

**P: Jesus Christ was born.**

\*HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”

PH 28

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

#### RESPONSIVE LESSON: Luke 2:1-5

L: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

**P: (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)**

L: And everyone went to his own town to register.

**P: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,**

L: Because he belonged to the house and line of David.

**P: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.**

\*HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CB 250

UNISON LESSON: Luke 2:6-14

*Pew Bible, page 889*

HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

CB 278

**RESPONSIVE LESSON:** Luke 2:15-20

L: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

**P: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.**

L: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

**P: and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.**

L: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

**P: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.**

**\*HYMN**

"O Holy Night"  
*(Verses 1 and 3)*

CB 285

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**MEDITATION**

"What's In A Name?"

Dr. Williams

**OFFERING:** *Offering Plates are in the rear of the sanctuary for any who wish to make an offering this evening.*

**COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHTING**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread *(Please partake when served)*

Communion of the People

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

L: We honor Messiah with Christ candle's flame  
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.

O Come all you faithful, rejoice in this night,  
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

*The pastor will pass the light to the elders.  
The elders will pass the light throughout the congregation*

**\*HYMN**

## “Silent Night”

CB 253

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. – x 2

2 Silent night, holy night!  
 Shepherds quake at the sight,  
 Glories stream from heaven afar,  
 Heavenly host sing: “Alleluia;  
 Christ the Savior is born.” – x 2

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. – x 2

4 Silent night, holy night!  
 Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
 With the angels let us sing,  
 Alleluia to our King;  
 Christ the Savior is born. – x 2

**\*HYMN**

## “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

CB 249

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;  
 O come, let us adore Him, (x3)  
 Christ the Lord.

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in  
 exultation;  
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
 O come, let us adore Him, (x3)  
 Christ the Lord.

3 See how the shepherds, summoned to  
 His cradle,  
 Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 We too will thither bend our joyful  
 footsteps;  
 O come, let us adore Him, (x3)  
 Christ the Lord.

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this  
 happy morning;  
 Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh  
 appearing.  
 O come, let us adore Him, (x3)  
 Christ the Lord.

**\*BENEDICTION** – *Please extinguish your candle now.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\* Congregation please stand, if able

PH = Presbyterian Hymnal / CB = Celebration Hymnal