

Children's Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.

"In the stillness of the night He came—God's gift of Christmas—the One who would save the world."
— Jesus Calling Bible Storybook

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy day shine with your love for the world. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, the greatest Christmas gift of all. Please help us to remember why we celebrate, even as we eat Christmas cookies and open presents. Help us to love one another as you love us and help us to be close to you at Christmas time, and every day. In the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Anthem

O Come, Little Children

arr. Mark Patterson

Reading from Isaiah

The Spark Story Bible

Isaiah said a child would be born and live with the people. His name would be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us." Then the people would know how much God loved them.

"I love you more than all of creation," God told the people. "I want you to love me too."

God knew the child could bring peace to the world. He would be a wise judge who would bring justice to the poor. "I love all people. I want you to learn to love all people. Whether they are rich or poor, **love them**. Whether they are hungry or full, **love them**. Whether they are happy or sad, **love them**. Whether they are similar or different than you, **love them**. Then you can live in peace." **The child would show them how to live in peace and love each other.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Worship Participants

Acolytes

Irene & Ivanka Galla

Assisting Ministers

Hazel Porubcan

Maggie Danielson

Reader

Eivind Berg

Musicians

Samuel Grace, Director of Music Ministry

Celina Kobetsch, Organist

Dynamic Deacons &

Chancel Choir

Children, Youth & Family staff

Kathy Hagedorn, Early

Childhood Ministry

Norah Long, Children's

Ministry

Trish Arndt, Children's

Ministry Special Events

Charlie Olson, Middle School

Ministry

Olsen Pancoast, High School

& Young Adult Ministry

Pastor

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Thank you to all who have assisted in the Christmas Eve Children's service!

Welcoming the Gospel

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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

Sharing the Gospel

Pastor Makayla Dahleen & CYF Team

Celebrating the Gospel

Please ring your bells during the refrain!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain

Offering

Silent Night

arr. Trevor Manor

Offertory Hymn

Joy to the World

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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Wonderful Counselor, we give you joyful thanks on this holy day of Jesus' birth. May the story of his love and salvation live in the hearts of all who sing of its wonders. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, comfort those who are sick or lonely today. Grant them the deep peace of this holy day. God of peace,

Hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died and who now rest in your peaceful light. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, bathe us always in the light and love of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Blessing

May the Lord God grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Please ring your bells during the refrain!

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

2. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Poinsettias Given By

Steve & Debb Adams Family	In memory of Gale & Myrt Korell; In memory of Roger & Donna Adams
The Albright family	In celebration of the gift of our Savior
Mark & Deb Allison	In celebration of the Nativity of Jesus
Mickey Arneson	In memory of husband Roger Kruse & daughter Ann Phillips
John & Pam Atkinson	In memory of Mary & Jack Atkinson; In memory of Sue & Gene Foley
Leesa, Brice, Anna & Andrew Avila;	
James Lambrecht	In memory of Clair Lambrecht
Roxy Benthin	In memory of Tony Benthin
David & Lynda Berglund	In memory of parents Ralph & Agnes Sinclair, sister Joan Sinclair & daughter Heather Berglund
The Bixby Family	In honor of Harlan ¹ & Sonja Diehl, Bill & Sherry Bixby
Bransford & Olson Families	In memory of Norman Olson
Robert & Lucy Brusic	In memory of Matthew Brusic
Lynn Bucka	In memory of Pastor John Bucka
Paul & Cindy, Ben, Annie & Tom Carlson	In memory of Dean & Kerstin Carlson & Barb Carlson Gilkey
	In memory of Bill & Peg Holmes, Mike Holmes & Bob Holmes
	In celebration of the future Taylor & Andy Jones; In celebration of the future Ally & Andy Voyen
	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of our cherished family
	In memory of our grandparents & great-grandparents
	In honor of Caleb, Finn, Samuel & Alex Dybdahl
	In memory of Cherie Cooper
	In memory of Keith Erickson, Norman & Cathy Kushino
	In memory of Sammy
	In celebration of our family & grandkids
	In celebration of our family & friends
	In memory of Joan Floren
	In celebration of Bennett, Graham & Harrison Foss
	In memory of Bob Kylo
	In honor of Mavis Lundberg
	In memory of Jenna Rose Enger
	In memory of Bob Geiger, husband, dad & papa
	In memory of parents & grandparents
	In honor of our children, Jack, Emma & Gina
	In memory of Rachel
	In honor of our parents, Don ⁺ & Sonja ⁺ Hagestuen, Duane & Kathy Fell
	In honor of our children, Nora & husband Jon, Griffin & Linnea
	In memory of Leslie's parents Harlan & Bettye Dees & brother Keith Dees
	In memory of Terry's parents Arvo & Virginia Hakkola & brother Archie Hakkola
	In memory of our loving parents, Archie & Maxine Taxdahl & Pat Hansen
	In memory of Harold & Neva Langland; In memory of Earl & Gloria Himle
	In honor of Ann Hinnenthal
	In memory of Carl J. Hoffstedt
	In memory of Robert House
	In memory of Darlene Heins & Gary Holter
	In memory of Ken & Joan Gerten, Ken & Marilyn Iverson
	In celebration of family
	In memory of Leslie & Alina Rick, Elmer & Alma Johnson
	In memory of our loving parents & grandparents, Gordon & Pat Amundson
	In memory of my husband, Daniel Kane
	In memory of Roger & Iona Aukes
	In memory of loved ones; in celebration of our granddaughters
	In memory of David Landswerk
	In celebration of Christmas
	In memory of Wayne Lensch & our grandparents
	In memory of Leo Welk
	In memory of Anita Lindberg
	In memory of John & Beverly Owen
	In memory of Ed McConville
	In memory of John D. Mozey, husband & father
	In celebration of Jesus' birth & our 59th wedding anniversary
	In honor of Nina Osberg
	In memory of our parents, Virgil & Carole Panning
	In memory of Garlin & Glenn Scherb; In memory of Mike, George & Luella Path & Cindy Davidson
	In celebration of family
	In memory of my wife, Glenda Lee Pederson & daughter, Nichole Rae Pederson
	In memory of Leroy Phillips, Dan Phillips, Loren & Marilyn Dekko
	In memory of Sue Priebe, Richard & Loraine Tieva
	In honor of John & Carole Pike; In memory of Roger & Elaine Ranfranz
Leslie & Terry Hakkola	
Tom & Joyce Hansen	
John & Karen Himle	
Hinnenthal Family	
Diane Hoffstedt & Family	
Brian, Melissa, Carolyn, Kathryn & Margaux House	
Mark & Susan Hughes	
Greg, Fran, Grace, Jack & Sarah Iverson	
John & Beth Jacob	
Merridee & Joel Johnson	
Lana, Brandon, Kaitlan & Kadon Jones	
Debra Kane	
The Kauch Family	
David & Barb Kleven	
Jeanine Landswerk & Family	
Jeff & Heather Larson	
Brian, Carleen & Alexia Lensch	
Greg & Julie Lindberg	
Macek, Tuzcu & Owen Family	
Sue McConville & Family	
Jan Mozey & Family	
Donovan & Caren Nash	
Jack Osberg	
Gregg Panning & Linda Taylor	
Greg & Susan Path Family	
Bruce & Lori Paulson	
Chris Pederson	
Dale & Joni Phillips	
The Priebe Family	
JoBeth & Mike Ranfranz	

Kevin & Denise Reilly	In honor of Marian Ducharme & David Lindblom
Patti Richardson	In honor of my family
Jim & Sue Ries	In memory of Barb & Ernie Macht, Lillian & Jim Ries Sr.
Kathleen Robertson Farmer & Sandy Robertson	In memory of Jack Robertson
Juan & Orpha Roig	In memory of our parents
Rex & Cheryl Rugland	In memory of all our loved ones in Heaven
Cathy Sackrison	In memory of Elizabeth Sackrison
Kevin, Nicole, Matthew & Lauren St. John	In celebration of the birth of Jesus!
Sartorius & Cunningham family	In memory of our dad, Paul Sartorius
The Schmolze Family	In memory of Jean Schmolze, wife, mom & grandma
John & Jane Schultz	In honor of our parents
Lynn Sinclair	In memory of my parents Ralph & Agnes Sinclair & sister Joan Sinclair
Pete, Ila & Ike Snustad	In memory of Peggy Snustad
Lynn & Ron Soleta	In memory of our parents
Clarice Stachour & family	In memory of Roger Stachour
Stewart Family	In memory of Nancy Stewart
The Strand Patterson Family	In memory of loved ones
The Stranghoener Family	In memory of our loved ones
Sally Swedberg	In memory of my husband, James Swedberg
The Terpstra & Soens Families	In memory of Karen Terpstra
Trent Family	In honor of Robert & Hyon Engebretsen & Jacqueline Bronstien
Jim & Karen Unterseher	In memory of our parents Ervin & Erna Unterseher, Orin & Mildred Toso & brother, Sherald Toso
George & Diane Waldow, Kelly & John Perry & Family	In memory of Michael
Ed & Lisa Wasz	In celebration of family
Craig, Carrie & Evan Weber	In memory of Ross Braland
Jennifer & Kevin Weist	In celebration of Sasha, Grant, Jack & Poppy Wolter; In memory of John Weist
Beth Willis & family	In memory of Bruce Willis, loving husband & father
The Winfield Family: Chris, Nicole, Mike, Jack, Joe, Natalie, Nadine	In memory of Bob Winfield

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