



Monday, December 23, 2024 ~ Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship Service
3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (*Sanctuary Courtyard*)

Welcome & Invocation

Rev. Wes Allen

Carol

Worship Team

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him.

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

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation!

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.

“Glory to God, all glory in the highest.” Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her

firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Special Music

Worship Team

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night divine! O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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Scripture Reading: John 1:4-5 (NRSV)

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[I]n him was life, and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Reflection

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The Light of the World!

Candle Lighting

Rev. Spencer

When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one. As we light our candles remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing ...

Carol (verses 1-4)

Rev. Allen

Silent Night! Holy 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.

continued

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.

Benediction

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People are invited to leave an offering in the offering box. You can also [Give easily online](#) or directly from your phone by [using the Church Center App](#). Thank you to all who are generously giving. Throughout December, donations for our Christmas offering may be submitted online, by check, or by using the special Christmas Green envelopes.

3:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen (Guitar/Vocals); Rebecca Neindorff (Piano/Vocals);
Steve Drzaszcz (Vocals)
Ushers: Paul Lewis and Brett Couvillion
Sound Technicians: Wes Allen and Steve Margerum
Trustee Greeter: Wendy Dougherty
Property Staff: Steve Margerum, Angel Contreras, and Sam Caraballo

7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen (Guitar/Vocals); Rebecca Neindorff (Piano/Vocals);
Steve Drzaszcz (Vocals)
Ushers: Greg Connlain and Steve Connlain
Sound Technician: Wes Allen and Steve Margerum
Trustee Greeter: Tim Powell
Property Staff: Steve Margerum, Angel Contreras, and Sam Caraballo

- **Year-End Gifts** -- THANK YOU for remembering the church in your year-end giving. Each and every gift makes a difference and allows our ministries to continue. Gifts over and above one's pledge may include stocks, *Christmas Green* offering for the church, and General Budget Help donations. Checks may be received in the OFFERING PLATE up to **Sunday, December 29, 2024**. Checks must be postmarked by December 31 and online donations must be received by midnight December 31. Checks dated **December 31** can also be hand delivered to the church office until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31. For questions reach out to Norman Vandergrift in the church office (Ext. 112).

- **Holiday Schedule:** The church office will be closed from 1:00 pm Dec. 24th through Dec. 26th. The office will have limited staff on Friday, Dec. 27th, Monday, Dec. 30th and Tuesday, Dec. 31st (1:00 pm closure Dec. 31). The campus will be closed January 1, 2025.
- We will worship as one church family for a **Fifth Sunday blended worship** at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary as the calendar year comes to a close. There will be no children's Sunday School or Nursery Care that day. The Adult Spiritual Formation class will meet AFTER worship.
- **Epiphany Concert and Celebration** – Enjoy this holiday performance of carols, songs and anthems of the season as we celebrate Epiphany. The concert will be held during the 9:00 am Sunday traditional worship on **Sunday, January 5, 2025** and feature Choristers (gr. 5-8), Chapel Choir (gr. 9-12) and Adult Choir. Communion celebrated.