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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2025 • 5 PM & 11:15PM

Luke 2:1-7; John 1:1-5
“Jesus Arrives”

Even with Jesus’ birth we should still be waiting.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal

GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

CHORAL INTROIT (5PM)

"The Mercy Manger" arr. Jay Rouse

PRELUDE (11:15PM)

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"
by Don Besig; Duet: Lora and Noah Melton

OPENING SENTENCE

Luke 2:6 (CEB)

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WREATH LITURGY:

Nanette Pedelty and family

...Christ shall prevail in small and large places, in small and large fashion, in small and large people, unknown and famous, kind and unkind. Christ is embodied in the world around us and within us.

We will serve the Lord with celebration! We will come before Christ with hearts ready to love! Let every living thing praise the Lord!

Jesus is here!...(light white candle)

Let us pray:

Lord God, thank you for teaching us your songs even in times of breathless evil. Thank you for sending us Jesus. Thank you for causing Jesus to be kindled in us. Help us take heart as we celebrate the light of the Christ Child. Amen.

SING (5PM & 11:15PM)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" GTG #119

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Holy God, this is the night of nights. We rightfully celebrate the birth of Jesus. We know we celebrate him for what he would do. We also celebrate Jesus for what he will do for us now. Our faith doesn't begin and end with his birth alone. So, Lord, please, forgive us when we don't go any further. Forgive us when we allow Jesus' birth to become a occasional ritual rather than a way of

life. Despite our efforts to live differently, thank you for giving us real hope, real love, real joy and real peace always. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Knowing what is coming, God sends Jesus to us anyway. Entrusts Jesus to us anyway. Of all the gifts we could ever want or hope for, let us be open to God's hope for us and speak the great truth of our lives:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SING (5PM & 11:15 PM)

"Angels We Have Heard on High" GTG #113

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word of God is alive and working. The Word of God lives as the Spirit lives in us. So when God speaks we should listen. When God reveals we should not close our eyes. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" GTG #132, v3

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: LUKE 2:1-8 (CEB)

Jesus is born.

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ² This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴ Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵ He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for Mary to

have her baby.⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG FOR CHRISTMAS (5PM)

"Ding Dong, Merrily on High"
arr. Ruth Morris Gray

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"What Does Jesus Want?"

ANTHEM (5PM)

"Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Russell Maudlin

ANTHEM (11PM)

"Calypso Lullaby (Mary's Little Boy Child)"
arr. Joel Raney; Soloist: David Ealy

SERMON

"Jesus Arrives"
Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN (5PM & 11:15PM)

"What Child Is This?" GTG #145

SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

"Silent Night" GTG #122

**...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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (5PM)

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Donald Moore
Trio: Sean Cooper, David Ealy, Noah Melton

SONG FOR CHRISTMAS (11:15PM)

"Will You Come to the Manger?"
by Sally DeFord; Duet: Lora and Noah Melton

HYMN (5PM & 11:15PM)

"Joy to the World" GTG #134

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**Even with Jesus' birth we should
still be waiting.**

SING

"Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"
GTG #126

**Jesus, Jesus,
O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus,
so holy, meek and mild;
New life, new hope
the child will bring,
Listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory!"
Let the heavens ring.**

POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"
arr. Victor Labenske

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- What are you giving God for Christmas this year?
- Where have you made space for the Christ Child in your life this season? This week? For the coming year?
- Upon hearing this story once more, what are you actually going to DO with it?

EMBRACE CHRISTMAS

The story of the Nativity, of the birth of Jesus, is a remarkable affirmation of our common humanity. Not only has God not given up on us, God has embraced us intimately, with humility and vulnerability. This is NOT a usual position in which we like to live. At all. But nevertheless, God entrusts the Christ Child to us...to all of us. In following God's example this week and in the weeks (in the year) to come, let us embrace God back by embracing our fellow humanity. And let us do so with intimacy, humility and vulnerability, in other words, with the love of God.

GIVING IS STILL POSSIBLE

Sometimes, with the arrival of Christmas, it seems like everything stops. But the needs of our community march on and so if you find you have opportunity, spend time helping out in our local shelters and food banks, checking in on folks, and even donating money. This season finds some of the families in our community more on the brink than they have been. Don't just wait for opportunities to find you. Actively pursue them, look for them. Also, don't forget that, like the Good Samaritan parable, needs don't just show up on holidays: they are ongoing.

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