

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2023
4:00 PM



First Evangelical Lutheran Church
19419 Royalton Road
Strongsville, Ohio

Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM
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GATHERING MUSIC

"Oh Come, All you Unfaithful"

Brooke Voland

"Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel (Even So Close)"

Cheryl Stark

"My Soul Magnifies The Lord"

Chris Tomlin

"Hope has Come (Behold Him)"

Red Rocks Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

"This is Jesus"

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING SONG

"What a Glorious Night"

Sidewalk Prophets

GREETING

P The grace of the child born for us and the joy of the Son given to us be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER of the DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has a light shined.

C We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, You have called us from darkness to the manger of your Son. As we stand before the miracle of His birth may we find ourselves longing for your love, and the light of your Hope that together we might proclaim the news of His birth; the promise of our salvation.

SONG

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Matt Maher

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2-7

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2: 11-14

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME

SERMON

"Singing Out the Saviors Birth"
Pastor Kluck

SONG

"Jesus Is Alive"

Josh Wilson

OFFERING

Our loose offering this evening will be used to support our The Strongsville Food Bank

Stand

PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL

P Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC

"Manger Throne"

Phil Wickham

"Welcome to our World (feat. Chris Brown)"

Elevation Worship

"Hope Was Born This Night"

Sidewalk Prophets

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P God our redeemer,

You have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN *“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.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav’nly 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 your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you, +Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING SONG *“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”*

P Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Shout the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

“Little Drummer Boy”

For King and Country

SHARING of the PEACE





DEDICATION of POINSETTIAS

**Christmas Poinsettias are dedicated in adoration of the
Christ Child and in honor and memory of loved ones by:**

The Uline Family

In loving memory of John, Eileen, Amy

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In loving memory of Sharon, Betty and Butch

Shelley Sabga

In loving memory of Barry and Barbara Galloway,

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In loving memory of Gabriel Sabga

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In loving memory of Betsy Sabga

Gloria Reichert

In honor of KIDS HOPE USA Mentors and Prayer Partners

Len Taylor

In loving memory of Harold Taylor and Eunice Sheehan

Wayne and Terri Mosley

In honor of our families

The Hartman Family

In loving Memory of Charles Snyder & Elizabeth Hartman

The Kovach Family

In celebration of our parents, children and grandchildren

Dawn Evangelista

In loving memory of Richard Jennings

Pierre and Beth David

In loving memory of Jack David

Pierre and Beth David

In loving memory of Elaine David

Judy Peach

In loving memory of Harry Peach

Sue Ludwig

In loving memory of Brian Ludwig

Sue Ludwig

In loving memory of Peg Gall

Nathan & Elise Paine

In honor of Grandma and Grandpa G

Nathan & Elise Paine

In honor of Mary Wojcik

The Snyder and Hartman Families

In loving memory of Chuck Snyder

Carla and Kellie Kulka

In loving memory of Gary Kulka

Mark and Janine Schultz

In loving memory of Edward & June Schultz

Mark and Janine Schultz

In loving memory of John and Eleanor Sanders

Bob and Brenda Jacob

In loving memory of our parents

Jerry and Barb Krueger

In loving memory of Shawna Miller, Hattie and Wayne Krueger, Marvin and Phyllis Damschroder

Jerry and Barb Krueger

In honor of our children, grandchildren and great grandsons

The Wojciehowski Family

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Pat Sauernheimer

In loving memory of Howard and Ann Polonus

Phillip King

In honor of Mary Ann King and Shirley King

Phillip King

In loving memory of Darrell King and Daniel and Karen Hostetler

Tammy Widdows

In honor of those battling Alzheimers

The McNamaras

In loving memory of Andrea McNamara

The Mueller Family

In honor of Our Lords Birthday and our loving family

Gary and Mary Walters

In honor of Baby Jesus

Bruce Holderead

In loving memory of Janice Holderead and Kristen Holderead

Jeff and Ellen Kolman

In loving memory of Fred and Shirley Kolman

Jeff and Ellen Kolman

In loving memory of Richard and Irene Geye

Monica Berens

In loving memory of Mary Homenik

Marsha Ginly

In loving memory of Alice Mitcheel & Ed Pergler

The Holda Family

In loving memory of Eileen Langan

Debbie Jenkins

In loving Memory of Dylan & Nash Jenkins and Dan Lenarz

Debbie Jenkins

In honor of Nolan Jenkins

Claudia Lenarz

In honor of Nolan, Ben & Sarah

Janet & Craig Kaiser

In honor of their children and grandchildren

Dean & Karen Miller

In loving memory of our parents

Barb Nalette

In loving memory of Stephen Nalette & Nancy Soper

The Smith-Whitford Family

In loving memory of all of our Grandparents and Great Grandparents

June & Jim Zakrajsek

In loving memory of George Huffman

Marj Gray

In loving memory of John Gray, Bob & Katie Resse, Barb, Bob and Jim

Nancy Lucas Wurch

In loving memory of my parents, Ed and Elda Lucas

Chris and Rick Gonzalez

Margaret Bewie

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

May your worship of the Christ child be filled with praise and joy! The entire staff of First Church wishes you a peaceful, joyful, and hopeful celebration of our Lord's birth.

Thank you to the following volunteers for this service:

Reader

Brielle Rugar

Communion Assistants

Brielle Rugar, Melina & Tony Rugar

Ushers

Linda Browning, Ron & Maureen Shorts

Altar Guild

Barb Krueger, Jackie McLemore, Shelley Hoffman,
Ellen Koman, Sheri Hurley & Lynn Stenger

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare for our Christmas Eve worship services!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES at First Church are Sunday at 9:00 AM (Contemporary) and 11:15 AM (Traditional). Sunday school for all ages is at 10:15 AM. *We invite you to worship and learn with us!*

DEADLINE for ALL 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS is Sunday, December 31, 2023. Any received in the office *after 12/31/2023 will be considered 2023 contributions.*

There will be **ONE TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 31, New Years Eve.**

To contact the Church,

Call the office at 440-238-7890

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