

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD****CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE****Prelude***Let Heaven and Nature Sing***Welcome****Call to Worship**

... I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord  
 ... Glory to God in the highest ...

**Invocation****Congregational Carol Medley***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 ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
 With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:

*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.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Away In A Manger*

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

**Responsive Reading**

Isaiah 9:6-7

Leader: For to us a child is born,

**All: to us a son is given;**Leader: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
 and his name shall be called**All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**Leader: of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on  
 the throne of David and over his kingdom,**All: to establish it and to uphold it**Leader: with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time forth and forevermore.**All: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.****DECEMBER 24, 2025****Congregational Carol**

*O Little Town Of Bethlehem*  
 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by:  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;  
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
 Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

*Happy Birthday, Jesus*

Kids of the Kingdom

*Emmanuel El Shaddai*

Handbells

**The Christmas Story**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Glory To God*

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!  
 Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,  
 And peace on earth!

Goodwill toward men, Goodwill toward men!  
 Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**Sermon**

*"What's In A Name?"*  
 Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*One Still Night*Tracy Roth and  
Laura Whitlock**Candlelit Carols***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;  
 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,  
 sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
 Glory to God, in the highest  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
 Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Pastor Steven Clark

### *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! 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!

### *O Holy Night*

Marsha Tucker  
with Choir & Orchestra

### Closing Remarks and Prayer



EXALT GOD  
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE  
ENGAGE GOD'S WORLD

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*Christmas Eve*

*Candlelight Service*