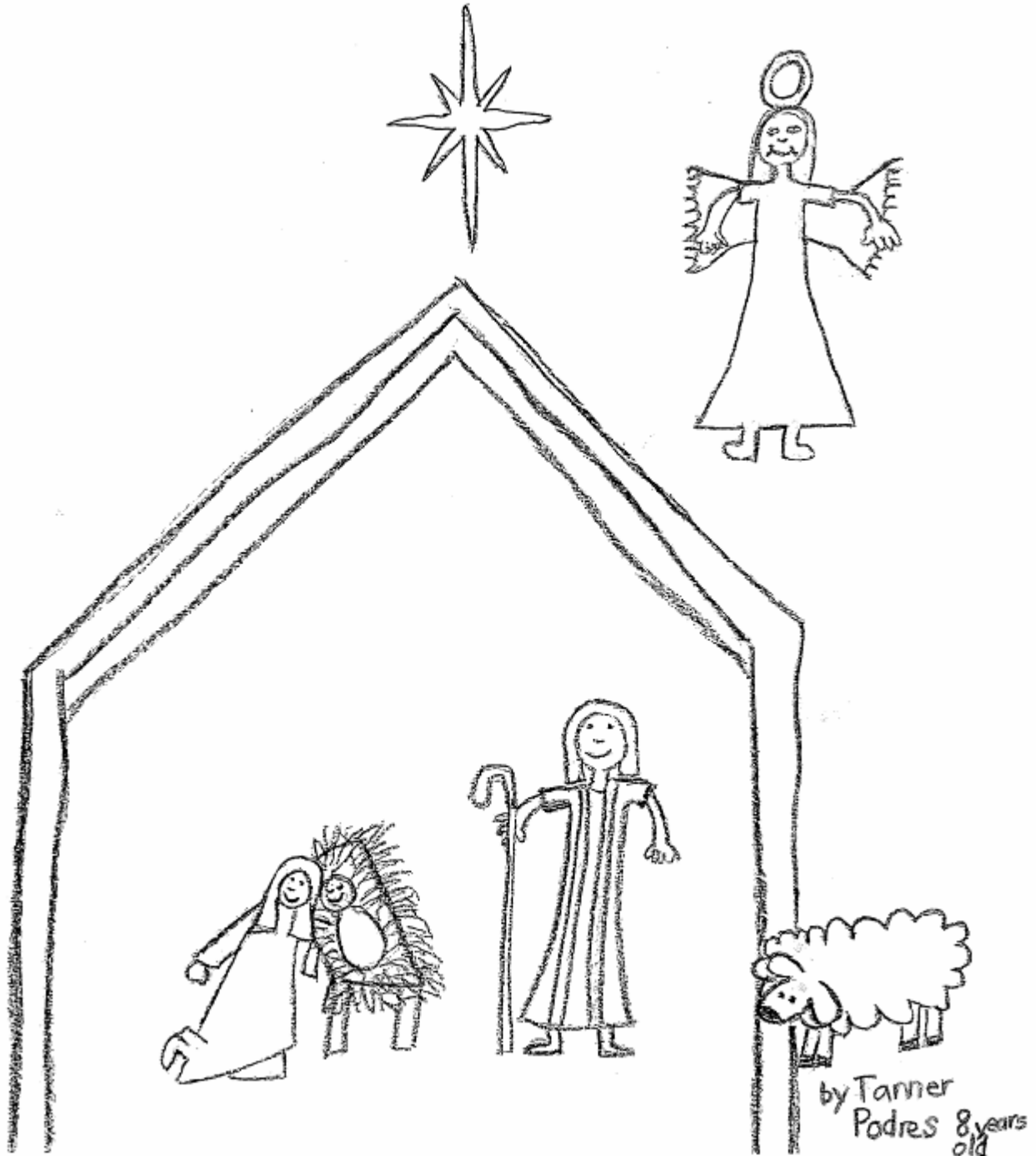


Christmas Eve
December 24, 2006
7:00 pm Worship

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service



Most of the people in Bethlehem that night missed the excitement of the Christ Child's birth. Only a few shepherds, guided by a star, beheld the wonder of this event. Tonight, followers around the world gather to celebrate what happened: God brought forth Jesus, the Light of the World! The everlasting response is to rejoice and be glad!

***Those that are able please stand.**

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Holy God, as you came into the stillness of night, enter our lives this night.
Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, so that we may clearly see
the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Angels We Have Heard On High
Little Town
Ding Dong Merrily
Come Emmanuel*

Quin Thornburg and Judy Mangan

Prelude of Carols

*by Richard S. Willis
Traditional French Melody
by Chris Eaton
Traditional
by Twila Paris*

WELCOME

Dr. Randy Steele

CHORAL INTROIT

Child of Love Congregation join in when invited

Hallelujah

PathFinder's and Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

arr. Jeff Lippencott

***CAROL OF PREPARATION (verses 1,3,4)**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #173

***INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Duncan McColl

Leader: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.
The Promise is fulfilled!

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

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

**People: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight.
The Light of the world has come!**

Leader: This light is a light for all. It ignites a flame within our souls and warms us from within.
It radiates love with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF ADORATION (IN UNISON)

O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and Magi, of maiden and carpenter, of prophets and angels, and we, too, come to Bethlehem for a blessing. You are born in our hearts because you have chosen the weakness of our bodies for your birth. We are filled with love because you have taken upon yourself our humanity. We are filled with hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and your light. We are filled with faith because all that is meek, lowly and humble in us becomes holy this night. Our salvation has come into this holy time and we say together, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.” Amen.

***CAROL RESPONSE**

Hymnal # 146

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

ANTHEM OF JOY

This Child Is

David Skinner and Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ring the Bells

Carrie Lee

by Harry Bollbuck

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Matthew 2:1-11

Dr. Randy Steele

“Does God Get Christmas Presents?”

CHORAL RESPONSE

King Jesus is His Name

The Nielsens

arr. Tom Fettke

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Stacy Podres

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has shone around us.

People: **The Lord will be our everlasting light and God will be our glory.**

Leader: Now the prophecies are fulfilled; the light of the Most High has risen in our world.

People: **The Light has come to us and unto us is born a Savior!**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go Light Your World

Chancel Choir and Brian Mangan

arr. Gary Rhodes

(Congregation sings the chorus lines below)

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.

Hold out your candle for all to see it.

Take your candle and go light your world.

Take your candle and go light your world.

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.

Hold out your candle for all to see it.

Take your candle and go light your world.

Carry your candle and go light your world.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.

Hold out your candle for all to see it.

Take your candle and go light your world.

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So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.

Hold out your candle for all to see it.

Take your candle and go light your world.

Carry your candle and go light your world.

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As we sing “Silent Night,” the lights will be dimmed. An usher will then light the candle of the first worshiper in each row from the Christ Candle in order to pass the light of Christ from person to person. *(To avoid spilling hot wax, please keep your candle upright allowing the person next to you to light his or her candle.)* We hold our candles high on the 3rd verse so that the light we have received may be seen from afar. As our candles are a sea of light lit from the one Light of Christ, so may we reflect Christ’s light and love in the world.

***CAROL OF RESPONSE**

Hymnal #164

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, 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 Savoir is born, Christ the Savior is born.

(Following the benediction, the ushers will dismiss you by rows.)

May the peace and joy of this Christmas night go with you!



Poinsettias

A special thanks to all who contributed the beautiful flowers.

Please take your poinsettia home Christmas Eve Evening after the 10:00 pm Service. Deliver to a homebound friend, neighbor or to enjoy in your home.

GIVEN IN HONOR OF

- Carrie Mollring.....
- Our wonderful mother, Shirley.....
- My wonderful family.....
- June Gault, loving grandma.....
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- Our children and grandchildren.....
- Our mothers, Catherine and Marion.....
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- Our 10-year wedding anniversary.....
- Everyone to enjoy.....
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- A Year of Blessings and our grandparents
- Our two daughters and their families.....
- Granddaughter, Kendall Noel Gerry's 2nd birthday 12/25.....
- The Pastors and LNPC Staff.....
- Our military forces around the world.....
- Jacqueline Stocksdale.....
- Julie and Ken LaCroix, Cole White.....
- Kelly White.....
- Life.....

BY

- Marvel Anderson
- The Byers "Children"
- Carol A. Durst
- Morgan Gault
- Beverly Guthrie
- Lois and Jerry Hansen
- The Humphrey Family
- Winnie Kim
- Linda and Dale Klein
- Nita MacCracken
- Kurt and Lorena Neufeld
- The Nielsen Family
- Norm and Joanne Pease
- The Skinner Family
- The Skinner Family
- Bill and Sistie Stevens
- The Tom Stocksdale Family
- Russ and Alice Yensen
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- Anonymous



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Marvin and Lillian Schade.....
Emery and Gladys Porter, Joan Porter.....
Clifford and Sybil Porter.....
Larry T. Byers.....
Harold and Lucille Carpenter, father and mother.....
Bob and Lysa Chapman.....
Our parents: Floy and Edward Smith.....
Emeretta and Sturgis Darling
Our brothers, David Smith and Doane Darling.....
Helen Gault, loving Grammy
Margaret Mathews, loving Grandma.....
My husband, William J. Hart.....
Oliver and Dorothy Karstedt, William Mock.....
Jim and Julia Hohman, Wylie McGaffie.....
Nancy's father, John.....
Mary Walder, Dee's mother.....
My husband, Bob.....
Robert, Jack and parents.....
Our parents, John and Frances Klostermeyer and.....
Ray and Margaret Murrell.....
William Naber and Henry Dircks, grandfathers.....
Richard Potter.....
Jerry Shelton, John and Virginia Molyneaux.....
Son, Mark.....
Our parents and Jean's brother, Tom Mitchell.....
Catherine and Pual Blake.....
Ruth and Lionel Credit, Thomas Stocksdale.....
Our parents, Barbara and Fred Troester.....
Bob Van Deventer.....
Dan Vitalich.....
My loving daughter, Nancy.....
My mom and dad.....
Robert J. Wheeler.....
Hattiebelle Maddox and Bud Foleke.....
Leonard and Marjorie Yensen.....

BY

Marvel Anderson
Jan and Al Britt
Shirley Byers
Bruce Byers and Susan Clutter
Hal Carpenter
Suzanne Chapman
Marilynn and Sturgis Darling
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Morgan Gault
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Audrey Hart
Jerry and Mindy Hohman
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The Humphrey Family
Dee and Don Johnston
Audrey Kieckhefer
Delores Kirkpatrick
Bill and Marilyn Murrell
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Steve Naber
Marian Potter
Jean Shelton
Mary Edith Sholtz
Cecil and Jean Spearman
Nancy Still
The Tom Stocksdale Family
Scott Troester and Carolyn Strick
Phyllis Van Deventer
Claudia Vitalich
Betty Von Der Lohe
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