

God Sends Us Back into the World to Witness and Serve

Closing Hymn "Silent Night" #147 in the Red hymnal

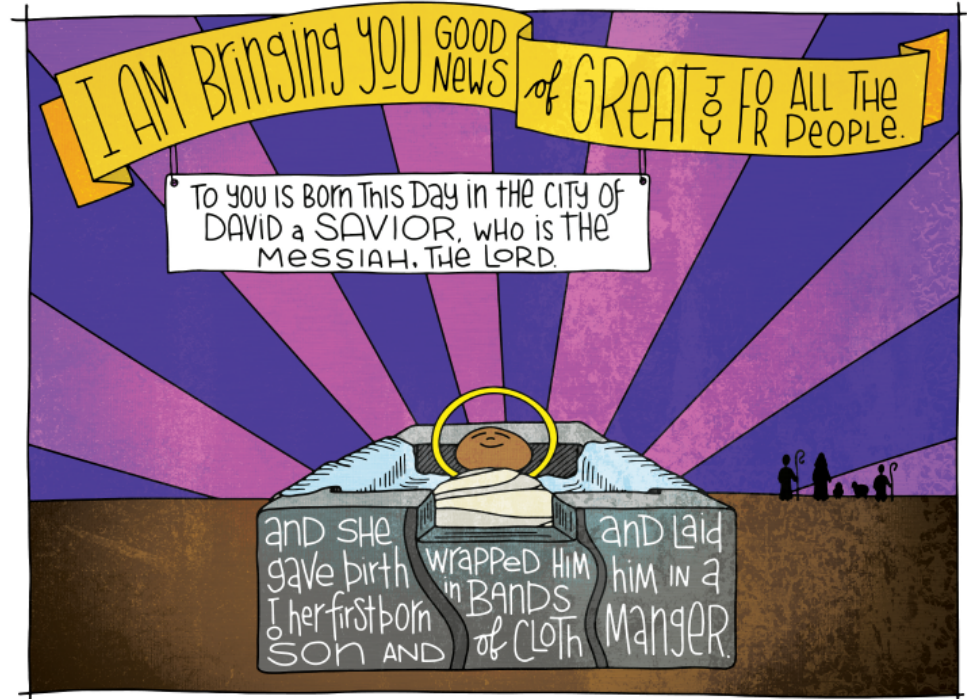
(Before singing this song, we will light candles as we usher in the light of the world. To light your candle, tip your candle horizontally toward the lit candle of your neighbor and light your candle. Then hold your candle vertically straight as your neighbor tips his or her candle towards yours. As you leave this evening, please extinguish your candle and leave it in the box provided at the back of the sanctuary. Go with the light of Christ in your hearts and share the Good News that He is born! Have a Merry Christmas!)

Worship Leaders: 4:00 PM Candace & Mike Miller
7:00 PM Lacy Burchett & Don Wilson

Ushers: 4:00 PM Bradley & Juergen Nehring
7:00 PM Guy & Peg Warren

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pray for 2017. Pray for hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ in the world.

Continued Prayers: Buck Hubbert, Virgil Bluhm, Sally Nehring, Barbara Wahl, Wilma Brown, Nathan Hensley, Kathy Dowd, Chuck Bode, Gordon Shewfelt, Vi McGregor, Herb McDougall, Doris Crawford, Nels Hadden, Meri Bretthauer, Llois Coplan, Melodee Bailey, Ernie Dickason, Millie Lofberg, Nancy Rockwell, Jeff Smith, Clint Lemmon, Elizabeth Duncan, Leira Mann, Nauna Mattis, Ashley Farr, Anita and for Peg Warren. *-please send updates to the church office.*



December 24, 2016

"Glorifying God and Reflecting the Love of Jesus Christ to the World."

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before God, all the earth!

People: Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

4:00 PM – Roe Family

7:00 PM – Reynolds Family

Please fill out attendance cards ~ they will be collected later in the service.

Song of Praise

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

-#133 in the Red hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Your grace, O God, has appeared for the salvation of all, calling us to renounce false gods and irresponsible love. In the midst of our sin, Christ appeared as a sign of our hope, redeeming us and calling us to be a people eager to do your will. Make us zealous for good deeds in response to your wonderful deed in Jesus the Christ. We confess the vain worship of ourselves and our neglect of your children. Forgive us and empower us to live upright and godly lives in this world.

Pardon and the Peace

Special Music 7:00 PM “The Cradle Rocks in Glory” Chancel Choir

God Speaks to Us in Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Titus 2: 11-14

p. 215 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Special music

4:00 PM – Duet “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”
-arr. by Matt Limbaugh

7:00 PM – “Were You There on That Christmas Night?”
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1: 18-25

p.1 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Sermon

The Jesse Tree and Life

God Calls for a Response

***Hymn of Response** “O Holy Night”

148 in the Red hymnal

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory 4:00 PM “In a Manger Bed”

-by Edward Broughton

7:00pm- Duet “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

-arr. by Matt Limbaugh

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication