



Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24, 2011, 7:00 PM

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith- -Reaching Out in Love

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude "The Birthday of a King" Arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Lighting of the Advent & Christ Candles

***Processional Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" 135
(receive prayer requests)

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We are waiting for something more.

People: We expect that God's story might enter our hearts and our world in new ways, to bring the change for which we long.

Leader: In the stillness of this night, we sense the first stirrings of Christmas joy.

People: We know that the wait will soon be over. Praise be to God!

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, this is often a season filled with flashing colors and loud joy. Help us to use this time to catch our breath, to settle down and settle in, that we might reflect upon the beauty of this night. Amen.

*Response of Praise (sung)

**Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a
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Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (p. 889)

A Christmas Message

Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" vs.1,2, 4, 5 149

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory "Away in a Manger" Arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Choral Response: "We Three Kings" vs. 1 162

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Faithful God, in Jesus, you fulfilled your promise of a new world. As we embrace that blessing, we offer these gifts that they might be used to prepare the way by speaking the good news of your salvation. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

***Hymn** "Silent Night" 142

Prayer of our Savior

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.

Hymn "Joy to the World" 134

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction Response** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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***Postlude** "For Unto Us a Child is Born" Arr. Mark Hayes

**Please stand if able.*

Ministries & Special Events



POINSETTIAS

In honor of our church volunteers ~ Barb Benson; in honor of our parents: The Kenkels & The McAtees ~ Sue Kenkel; in memory of Schmidt & Rasmus families ~ Judith Schroeder; in honor of Hope Butler ~ Sherry & Jerry Allen; in honor of Julie Ermiger ~ Bob & Deb Ermiger; in memory of Helen Schulte & in honor of Ed & MaryJane Miller, Tom Schulte ~ Beth Miller & Joe Schulte; in honor of our parents, Rev. & Mrs. Roy Lausman & Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Zoelling ~ John & Brenda Lausman; in memory of Jane Marie Burrow & Gracie Jane Wright ~ Deloy & Norma Burrow; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Maggie McLaren; in memory of loved ones: Amy Krasny, Eddie Krasny, Lynn Smiley, Carol Page, MaryAgnes & Walt Krasny, grandparents, aunts & uncles ~ Shelly Krasny; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Tom McLaren; in memory of Richard Pearson ~ Betty Pearson; in memory of Roger Smith ~ Al & Jodi Olah; in memory of John Shumaker ~ Paige Shumaker; in memory of John Kozlowski & Janet Tresedder ~ Dennis & Joy Kozlowski; in memory of Larry Sumerix ~ Mary & Joe Powers; in memory of Ida Weckler, Jimmy Cuthbertson, Ralph & Marge Weckler ~ Frances & Jim Cuthbertson; in honor of our family ~ William & Lana Bellah; in memory of Carl Ross, Jr. ~ Carla Meier; in memory of Bruce Trembley ~ Eleanor Trembley; in memory of Janet Tresedder ~ Bob Tresedder

Our Stewardship Thought:

We give because God first gave to us. "You received without payment; give without payment"
(Matthew 10:8)

Prayers and Concerns:

Please pray for Sharon Ballreich, Norma & Deloy Burrow, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells



LIGHTS OF HOPE

In memory of Ray & Nola Goodall ~ Lad & Kim Goodall; in memory of Gayl Butler, Jo & Jim Allen ~ Sherry & Jerry Allen; in memory of Norm Gibson & my parents ~ Kay Gibson; in honor of Bill, Josephine & Ben Schroeder, Dean & Ken Rasmus, Joe Schulte – uncle ~ Judith & Richard Schroeder; in memory of Mom, Dad, Don & Tony ~ Barb Benson; in memory of Bert Outland, Charles & Edith Post ~ The Setera Family; in memory of my parents ~ Barb Crawford; in honor of our son, Chris ~ Ron & Diana Lumsden; in memory of John Kozlowski & Janet Tresedder ~ Dennis & Joy Kozlowski; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Maggie McLaren; in memory of Marge & Ralph Weckler ~ Eileen Weckler; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Tom McLaren; in memory of Jim Stableford ~ Anne Stableford; in memory of our parents, Agnes & Carl Fuhs & Jim & Barb Stephenson ~ Paul & Anne Fuhs; in honor of lovely girls ~ the Loomis Family; in honor of Sister Circle ~ Deloy & Norma Burrow; in memory of Joe Salrin ~ Mary & Joe Powers; in memory of Allen Gottschalk ~ Sandra Gottschalk; in memory of Donald & Meg Charnley, Arlene & Julie Lounds ~ Rod & Ellen Lounds; in memory of Dorothy E. Weaver & Mildred Weaver Heck ~ Howard Weaver

THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship service

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All the Members

Greeters

Gary & Mary Myers

Usher Captain

Jerry Allen



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WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS EVE



"Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ."



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