The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve December 24, 2023

cember 24, 2023 4:00pm

# **Christmas Eve "Celebration" Worship**

## **God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise**

Musical Prelude and Silent Prayer Announcements

\*Opening Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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\*Prayer of the Day

## We Hear God's Word

God Promises to Save Us: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol #267 "Joy to the World"

God Comes to Save Us: Luke 2:1-20

Music by the Jingle Elves

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Carol #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon

## We Respond to All That God Gives

\*A New Creed:

We are not alone.

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus.

the Word made flesh.

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others.

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

\*Prayers

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Music by Caroline DeSoto - O Holy Night

## We Share in God's Supper

\*Words of Institution

\*Our Lord's Prayer – *traditional version on right* 

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We Receive the Bread and Wine

\*Blessing after the Meal:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: AMEN.

## **God Sends Us to Share the Good News**

\*Benediction:

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

\*Dismissal:

P: Go tell it on the mountain.

C: THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN!

\*Closing Carol "The First Noel"

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**THANK YOU** to the members of the Decorating Committee for beautifying our church during this holiday season!

2024 offering envelopes are available in the foyer.

Please take yours, your family's, your neighbor's. Thank you for your help!

<sup>\*</sup>Carol #281 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

<sup>\*</sup>Postlude and Silent Prayer

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, if able.

# Please Read



# Poinsettia Pick Up

Poinsettias can be taken <u>after</u> the 8:00 PM service on <u>Christmas Eve</u>, December 24.

Plants not picked up on Christmas Eve will be put in the kitchen for pick up during the following week, please.

Check the "Order List" to verify plant(s) ordered AND be sure to mark the "Picked Up" box on the order form so we know who received their plants.

A plastic sleeve is available for each plant. They will protect your beautiful poinsettia plant from the cold for your trip home.

Please - **DO NOT** take the plastic saucer. We hope to use them for many years to come.

Thank you for making this beautiful poinsettia tree possible!

## Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him;
Born the king of angels.

Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest!

Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning. Jesus to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him.
Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Christ the Lord!

#### The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel. Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel. Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel. Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel. Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Born is the King of Israel. Born is the King of Israel.

Noel!

Noel!

Noel!

## **Poinsettia Memorials**

In memory of John & Maryellen Hoover by Bonnie & Ron Erb
In memory of Paul & Gloria Erb by Bonnie & Ron Erb
In honor of The Christ Child's Birth by Bob & Faye Weaver
In honor of the birth of Jesus and for our many blessings by
Louise & Carl Baumgardner

In honor of our parents, Faye & Bob Weaver and

Mary & Carl Baumgardner, Sr. by Louise & Carl Baumgardner

In honor of the birth of Jesus by Lois & Jim Watson

In memory of our parents, Jean & Austin Watson

by Lois & Jim Watson

In memory of Paulino Ventura, Felomina Ventura, Epehema Ventura & Melagros Ariola by Wayne & Daisy Thomas

In memory of Duane Billow and Betty & Warren Hassinger by Gail Billow, Holly, Corey, Granger & Bristol Scheib

In honor of Barry & Barb Williard by Kim & Barry Williard, Jr.

In memory of Paul & Lovel Welker by Kim & Barry Williard, Jr.

In memory of loved ones by Dale & Carol Hassinger

For the many blessings of parents, children and in celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ by Tim & Lori Motter In memory of our parents: George & Mary Yeager; Richard Klouser & Jean Klouser Kessler by Chris & Dana Klouser

In memory of her husband, Jeff Ressler, her parents George & Mary Yeager, and her Uncle Terry Witmer by LuAnn Ressler

In memory of their nephew, Mason Miller by Dana Klouser & LuAnn Ressler

In honor of the Birth of Jesus by the DeSoto Family

In honor of the birth of our Savior, who is Christ the Lord and for our many blessings by Judy & John Ferree

In celebration of the birth of Jesus and for our many blessings by the Barder Family

For the many blessings of our family and church family by Heidi & Jeffrey Lehman

In memory of our parents, Ira "Pete" & Alberta Antes and Eugene Howard by Marilyn & Ira Antes

For the many blessings of family and friends this holiday season by Rob, Courtney & Grayson Foreman

In memory of the Christ Child's birth by Delmar & Ginny Enders

In loving memory of husband, father and grandfather,
Andrew Nichols, by the Nichols Family