

\*THE CLOSING CAROL OF CHRISTMAS

God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world  
so that we may have life through Him.  
This is what love is: It is not that we have loved God, but that He loved us  
and sent His Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.  
The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to humankind.  
The life shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put in out.

**“Silent Night”**

*The pastor will receive a light from the Christ candle. The pastor shall then light the ushers candles. They, in turn, shall light the candles of the persons at the center aisle in each pew. The light is to be passed to the persons beside you until it arrives at the end of the pew. We request that only children over eight years of age hold their own candle.*

Silent night, holy night, all is clam, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Hoy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherd 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 Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

THE BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candle following the benediction.*

*There will be an usher stationed at each exit to receive your candle from you as you  
leave the sanctuary.*

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on “In Dulci Jubilo”

# *The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols*

December 24, 2007

5:30 p.m. o'clock

*My heart is open wide tonight  
For stranger, kith or kin. Christ is born; give him glory!  
Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!  
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!*

*The asterisk (\*) designates when the congregation will please stand.  
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.  
**Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.***

*Childcare is available for Nursery thru Kindergarten.*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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### PRE-SERVICE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Listen to the message that echoes through the streets this night!

**All: Christ is born! Peace on earth! God has comforted his people!**

Minister: Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass.

**All: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of  
Peace.**

#### THE OPENING PRAYER

\*THE HYMN

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

Hymn No. 234

#### THE FIRST READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah*

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Advanced Morrison Youth Handbell Choir

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

#### THE SECOND READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*The Angel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary*

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Altar Choir

*“One Small Child”*

David Meece

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

#### THE THIRD READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

Luke 2:1-7

The Special Music

*“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”*

Solo by Kyle Hartzog

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Richard Willis

#### THE FOURTH READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*The Shepherds go to the Manger*

Luke 2:8-16

The Christmas Anthem

*“Glory to God In The Highest”*

The Altar Choir

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

#### THE OFFERING

The Offertory

*“Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brass”*

Joel Raney

*The offering this evening is designated to go to the Bishops Christmas Fund for  
Children in Indiana and around the world.*

#### THE FIFTH READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation*

John 1:1-14

\*The Christmas Carol

*“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*

Hymn 240

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

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