

THE OFFERING

The Offertory "Midnight 'Round the Manger" arr. by Jay Rouse

The offering this evening goes entirely to the "Bishop's Christmas Offering" for children. The offering will be divided evenly between children's ministries around the world and children's ministries in Indiana.

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

(To the tune of "What Child is This")

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The ushers will direct you to the altar railing where you are welcome to kneel, if able. While kneeling, the bread will be served followed by the cup. Communion will be distributed via intinction – dipping the bread into the cup.

*THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

"Silent 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 Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

The pastors shall receive a light from the Christ candle. They will then light the ushers' candles.

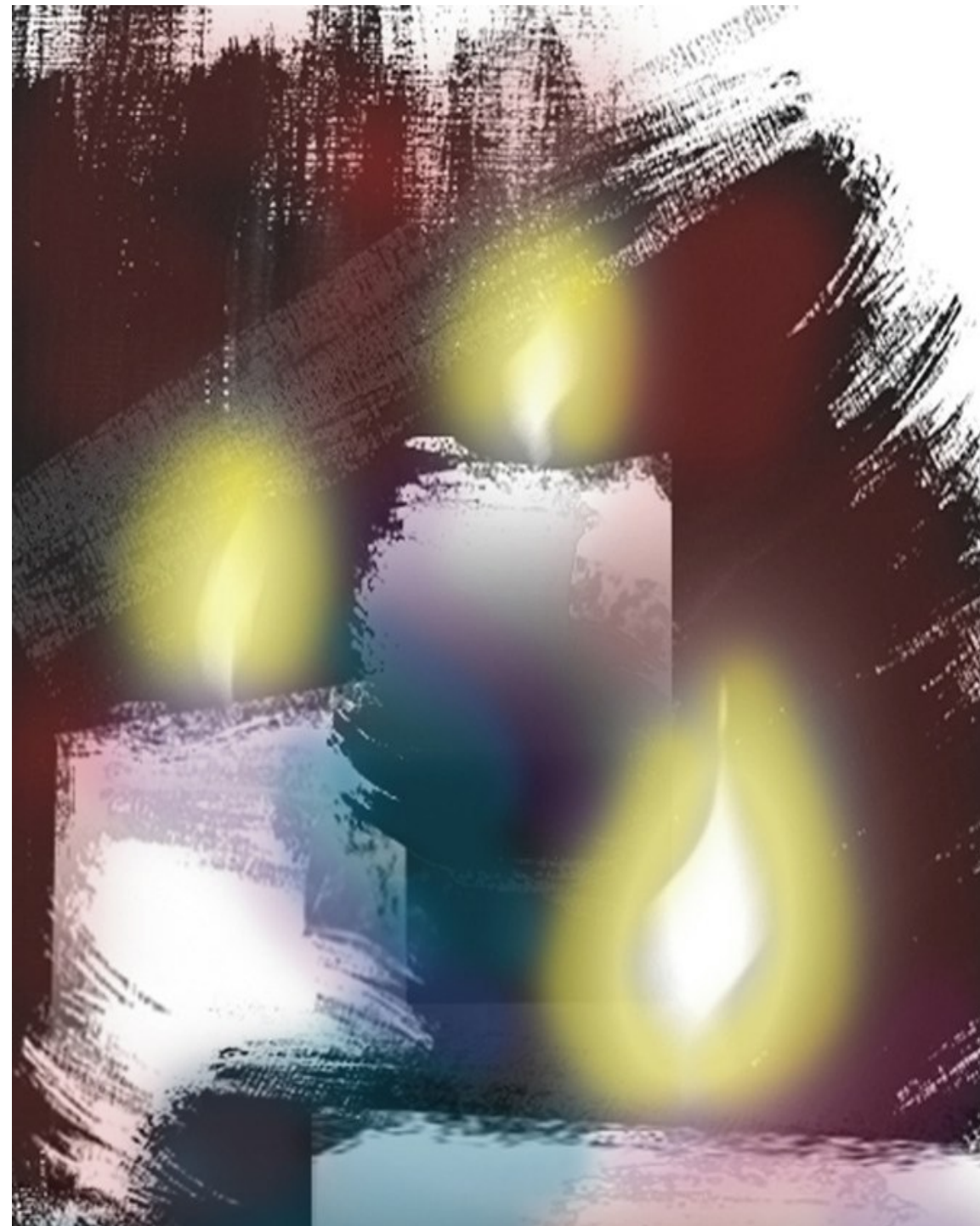
They, in turn, shall light the candles of the persons at the center aisle in each pew.

The light is to be passed to the persons beside you until it arrives at the end of the pew.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

"Good Christian Men Rejoice" Nancy and Randall Faber



*The Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service
"Welcoming the Light of Christ"*

December 24, 2010

11:00 p.m.

At last night is ending, the day is drawing near. The people living in the night will see the long-awaited light. Rising in the darkness from afar, it shines on them, the morning star. God with us is a living name, God will not put our faith to shame, If we are open to receive the Son in whom we all believe. At last night is ending, the day is drawing near—Huub Oosterhuis

The asterisk () designates when the congregation will please stand.*

Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

MUSIC OF THE SEASON Doug Showalter

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" Doug Showalter

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled!

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

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

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

LEADER: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the World has come.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

LEADER: And this light for all; igniting a flame in the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Hymn No. 240

THE LIGHT OF HOPE Isaiah 35:1-10

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn No. 196

THE LIGHT OF PEACE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "He Is Born" Hymn No. 228

THE LIGHT OF JOY A Litany of Glad Tidings

Leader: Blessed are you, Son of righteousness, shining forth from the heavens and enlightening the whole universe.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ, reigning with the Creator and Holy Spirit above the cherubim; worshiped by the seraphim.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: Blessed are you, born as a little child and laid in a manger.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: Blessed are you, humble offspring of a virgin, yet truly God.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign of Glory, graciously coming to dwell among us.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: Blessed are you, our Bread of Life, giving eternal life to our souls.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: With the angelic host and all the heavenly power, let us proclaim and celebrate our Savior's birth.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Leader: With the spirits of the just made perfect, let us magnify and bless the Lord to all eternity.

ALL: Let heaven and earth rejoice! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Joy to the World" Hymn No. 246

THE LIGHT OF LOVE Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC "One Small Child" Lloyd Larson
Duet: Ron & Liz Harper

THE LIGHT OF THE WORD John 1:1-14

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "There's a Song in the Air" (vs. 1-2) Hymn No. 249

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: We have celebrated God's gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. Jesus coming to us was the Gift that made all those other gifts real in our lives.

ALL: We celebrate God coming to us in human form, bringing light to all the world.

Leader: May every knee bow before the newborn Savior; with the angels, may every tongue sing "Glory to God in the highest."

ALL: Glory to God in the highest.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "There's a Song in the Air" (vs. 3-4) Hymn No. 249