

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2013

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Pictures from our Children's Sunday December 8th, 2013

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WE GATHER IN WORSHIP

(*Means people will stand if able – only stand for first and last hymns)

PRELUDE MUSIC

* *PROCESSIONAL CAROL #60 O Come All Ye Faithful* (verses 1,2,4,3,5)

WELCOME AND GATHERING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thank you, God, for sending the gift of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. May Christ's spirit, which gives hope, peace, joy and love to the world, be with us as we gather to remember his birth tonight. Let this candle remind us that the light of Christ is shining in our hearts and can spread from us to others

when we live in Jesus. Amen

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #6 vs. 5

**We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame,
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Christ is Born in Bethlehem Victor C. Johnson/ Lloyd Larson

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Jesus is Born

Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7 and Reflection

Carol: #64 Oh Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1, 2 & 4)

Angels Proclaim Good News

Lesson: Luke 2: 8-12 and Reflection

Duet: Angels We Have Heard on High

Shepherds Hear the News

Lesson: Luke 2: 13-14 and Reflection

Carol: #75 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night(verse 1,2,3,4)

Kneeling at the Manger

Lesson: Luke 2:15-20 and Reflection

ANTHEM Run Shepherds! Victor C. Johnson/ Lloyd Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*(Our Christmas offering goes to the St. Paul's Benevolent Fund
which helps those in need in our community throughout the year,
you will find benevolent envelopes in the pews)*

Carol: #91 The First Nowell (1,3,4,5)

DOXOLOGY VU # 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator,
Word and Spirit, One.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**CAROL: VU#67 Silent Night, Holy Night*

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas!