



Christ Our Redeemer
Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

**A warm welcome, especially to our guests,
to our Christmas Eve Worship Service today.**

**Please sign a guest card located
to the podium on your left as you exit.**

**If you have any questions about COR Pastor Engelbrecht
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will be happy to answer them and please worship with us again soon!**

**Christmas Day Worship tomorrow at 9a
Sunday, December 27, one service at 9a
New Year's Eve Worship at 7p**



OPENING CAROL

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

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Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,
In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:
How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,
Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange-ly stirred;
Sweet new-born Babe, how frail! and in a man - ger bed,
His proph - e - cies ful-filled? With pound-ing heart I stare:
Its way in - to my heart un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me,



But there is room and wel - come there for me.
A still small voice to cry one day for me.
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

C: We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

P: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

C: What has come into being in him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

P: Christ is born; our salvation has appeared.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.



EPISTLE LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove,
How si - lent - ly, how si - len - tly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep And dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go
While mor - tals sleep, The an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring
So God im - parts To hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his
Cast out our sin And en - ter in; Be born in us to -



by. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
heav'n. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin
- day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.
Where meek souls will Re - ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
Oh, come to us, A - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ² The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

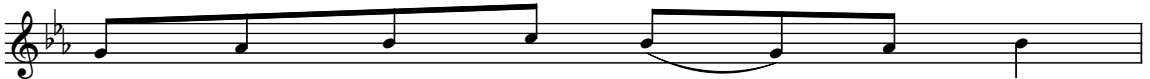
CHRISTMAS HYMN

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten
Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed
This is he whom heav'n taught sing - ers
Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him,
Christ, to you, with God the Fa - ther,



Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
When the vir - gin full of grace,
Sang of old with one ac - cord,
An - gel hosts his praise - es sing,
And the Spir - it cease - less - ly



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
Pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him
Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing he,
Bore the Sav - ior of our race,
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word.
And ex - tol our God and King,
And un - end - ing prais - es be,



Of the things that are, that have been,
And the babe the world's Re - deem - er,
Now he shines the long - ex - ect - ed;
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
Hon - or, glo - ry, and dom - in ion



And that fu - ture years shall see Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
First re - vealed his sa - cred face Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

SERMON TEXT

John 1:4-5

⁴In him was life,
and that life was the light of all mankind.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

SERMON THEME

Your Life and Light

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“What Child Is This”

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What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mar-y's lap is
Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox-en now are
So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas-ant, king, to



sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet With an-thems sweet While
feed-ing? Good Chris-tians, fear; For sin-ners here The
own him. The King of kings Sal-va-tion brings; Let



shep-herds watch are keep-ing? This, this is
si-lent Word is plead-ing. Nails, spear shall
lov-ing hearts en-throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing.
pierce him through; The cross he'll bear for me, for you.
song on high; The vir-gin sings her lul-la-by.



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the Son of Mar-y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mar-y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Mar-y!

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION

The minister, taking a large candle, lights it from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks.

The ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle, then light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle.

The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.



GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C: For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us.
He is Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence)

P: For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P: For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P: For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

P: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray.

C: Amen.

CLOSING CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

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Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright,
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight.
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



Round you vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so
Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far; Heav'n-ly hosts sing,
Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-



ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
- deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

BENEDICTION

P: May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(The candles are extinguished)

SILENT PRAYER



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visitors. May the Lord bless
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