Full of Grace and Truth

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday, December 24, 2022 • 7:00 pm



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, who made this most hallowed night resplendent with the glory of the true light; grant that we who have known the mysteries of that light on earth may enter into the fullness of his joys in heaven. Amen.

PRELUDE		Linda Clugston
CALL TO WORSHIP	"How Great Our Joy"	Chancel Bell Choir
WELCOME & GREETING		Neil Trainer
SONG OF ADORATION	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	
LIGHTING THE CHRIST C	CANDLE Luke 2:1–14	Jerry and Linda Erickson
SONGS OF GLORY	"Angels from the Realms of Glory" "Angels We Have Heard on High" "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Emily Mitchell
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	c" Chancel Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	John 1:1-5, 14-18	Linda Erickson
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE	"Full of Grace and Truth"	Neil Trainer

CANDLE LIGHTING

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

- 1. 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.
- 2. Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

- *One:* Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.
- All: O Lord, give us peace.
- *One:* Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope.
- All: O Lord, give us hope.
- *One:* Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.
- All: O Lord, give us joy.
- *One:* Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- All: Amen.

SONG OF JOY

"Joy to the World!"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston

Christmas Day Service

// Sunday, December 25, at 10 am in the Sanctuary

Calvin will be open for our 10 am Worship Service as usual. Pastor Emily will facilitate an intimate and participatory service to celebrate our Savior's birth. Feel free to dress comfortably in an ugly Christmas sweater or even in Christmas pajamas, if you'd like. Many Christmas carols will be sung! We hope to see you there.

First Worship Service of 2023

// Sunday, January 1, at 10 am in the Sanctuary

Like Christmas, New Year's Day also falls on a Sunday this year. Calvin will be open for our 10 am Worship Service as usual. We hope to see you!

Church Office Closed for the Holidays

// Our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you and yours!

Staff will be on holiday, vacation, or working remotely from Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd. The church office will be closed during this time. (*Those* needing to make special arrangements for year-end donations may contact <u>Kirsty</u> via email.)

Messy Church

// Join us for our fourth gathering as
a new worshipping community

You are warmly invited to come to Messy Church on the first Wednesday of 2023 — January 4th from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Activity Center. The values of Messy Church are:

- all ages,
- Christ-centered,
- hospitality,
- creativity, and
- celebration.

A simple supper is included. This is a great service to which you can invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors.

The biblical theme of January 4's gathering is "I am the Good Shepherd," and we're hoping to make a large sheep pen out of boxes. After Christmas, please bring your medium or large boxes to Calvin on Sunday, January 1 and give them to Pastor Emily. Thanks!

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