

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**  
**December 24, 2011 7:00 pm**

*and wonders, wonders of His love.*

**WELCOME**

Mary Pat Spencer

**PRELUDE**

“For All The Children”

David Brasher

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Luke 2: 1-20 Mary Pat Spencer

**Women:** *In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.*

**Men:** *Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.*

**Women:** *The angel said, “Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people. “Your Savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said. “Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors.”*

**Men:** *When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us.” They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.*

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Joy to the World”

Jan Watts

*Joy, to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,*

**\*INVOCATION**

Mary Pat Spencer

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Lisa & Reagan Everling

**People:** *Mary, you will have a son.*

**Leader:** *The journey continued to Bethlehem,*

**People:** *There is no room at the inn.*

**Leader:** *The journey continued to a field of shepherds,*

**People:** *I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.*

**Leader:** *The journey continued to a manger,*

**People:** *And He shall be called the Son of God.*

**Leader:** *The journey is a journey of light,*

**People:** *And now the light is here!*

**Leader:** *We light the Christ Candle– The Light of the World.*

**A BIRTHDAY GREETING**

“Happy Birthday Jesus”

George & Judy Dudley

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Mary Pat Spencer

**THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

“The Twelve Days of Christmas”

Edd Spencer

- ▲ *The Partridge in the Pear Tree: Christ's death on the cross.*
- ▲ *Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments.*
- ▲ *Three French Hens: Faith, Hope, and Love.*
- ▲ *Four Calling Birds: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the four Gospels.*
- ▲ *Five Golden Rings: The Torah, the first five books of the Bible.*
- ▲ *Six Geese a-laying: The six days of Creation.*
- ▲ *Seven Swans a-swimming: Seven gifts from the Holy Spirit.*
- ▲ *Eight Maids a-milking: The eight Beatitudes.*
- ▲ *Nine Ladies dancing: The nine Fruits of the Spirit.*
- ▲ *Ten Lords a-leaping: The Ten Commandments.*
- ▲ *Eleven Pipers piping: The eleven Faithful Disciples.*
- ▲ *Twelve Drummers drumming: The twelve Points of Belief in the Apostles' Creed.*

**A CAROL OF CHRISTMAS**

“Away In A Manger”

Teanna Cason

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*Jan Watts*

*O Come, All ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant, O Come ye, O Come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

**A CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*Elders: Kathey Long & George Dudley*

*Deacons: Clayton & Charlotte Brammer*

*The Deacons will assist you to the Elders and the Ministers to receive Holy Communion. After you receive Communion, please take one of the candles and return to your pew.*

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**CAROL OF PEACE**

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

*Jan Watts*

*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!*

**THE CLOSING PRAYER**

*Edd Spencer*

*Cradle the Christ in your hearts, and return to your homes with praise on your lips and joy in your soul. Amen.*

*Please leave in silence and place your candle in the metal container in the narthex.*

***Worship tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. There is no Sunday School.***