

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2010 7:00 PM

WELCOME

Mary Pat Spencer

PRELUDE

"For All The Children"

David Brasher

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: Lift up your voices and sing.

People: For this is a holy night.

Pastor: Let the children and adults praise God.

People: For this is a holy night.

Pastor: Come and receive the bread and cup of life.

People: For this is a holy night.

Pastor: Light many candles and hold them high.

People: For this is a holy night.

Pastor: Prepare your heart for the child of God born in Bethlehem.

People: Coming on this most holy night.

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,
and wonders, wonders of His love.*

***INVOCATION**

Mary Pat Spencer

Holy God, on this night of our Savior's birth, a window to heaven opens, and we catch a glimpse of an incredible love which descends as a child. May this holy child descend into our lives and let our hearts be softened. May this holy child descend into our lives so that they will be filled with hope and joy. Holy God, descend upon us tonight with this miracle of Your love. In the name of Jesus born in Bethlehem. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Clayton & Charlotte Brammer

THE DEDICATION OF A CHILD

Edd & Mary Pat Spencer

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(An offering tray is in the narthex for your offering. Please share as you leave after the service).

Mary Pat Spencer

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Mary Pat Spencer

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Aaron, The Allergic Shepherd

Cabaniss and Schram

Host 1: Cayla Corbin

Host 2: Soren Reitsma

"Once Upon A Sneeze"

Aaron: William Mee

Sheep: Sierra Fox

Mr. I.B. Lambchop: Billy Farquhar

"Perfect"

Dr. Pepper: Kaitlyn Bainbridge

Angel: Luke Williamson

"Hope Has Come Tonight"

Soloist: Teanna Cason

"Come As You Are"

"Once Upon A Sneeze" reprise

Kids' Praise Choir

Shepherds: Kaitlyn Bainbridge, William Mee, Billy Farquhar

Sheep: Reagan Everling, Sierra Fox

Angels: Teanna Cason, Luke Williamson, Anna Eady

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
December 24, 2010 11:00 pm

WELCOME Reverend Edd Spencer

PRELUDE "Coventry Carol" David Brasher

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Reverend Edd Spencer

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS

*I believe that Christmas is not just a time for parties and ornaments;
it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.*

*I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree,
such as the things we teach our children and the way we share ourselves with friends.*

*I believe in the angels' message that we should not be afraid –
that the child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all fears.*

*I believe in the lights of Christmas,
for they remind me of Him who is the light of the world.*

*I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has
ever known – The Christ child, son of the living God.*

*Because I believe in these things,
I believe in the One whose birth we celebrate tonight and I love Him.*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Jose' & Edith Carreras

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A CHRISTMAS SOLO "O Holy Night" Reverend Jan Watts

THE CHRISTMAS STORY "In Word and Song "

Luke 2: 1-5 Reverend Edd Spencer
*O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

Luke 2: 6-7 Reverend Mary Pat Spencer
*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The Stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

Luke 2: 8-14 Reverend Edd Spencer
*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!*

Luke 2: 15-20 Reverend Mary Pat Spencer
*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Matthew 2: 1-2, 7-11 Reverend Edd Spencer
*We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER Reverend Mary Pat Spencer

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "Silent Night" Reverend Edd Spencer

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION "Silence" Reverend Edd Spencer

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Reverend Jan Watts

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
*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.*

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Deacons: Keith & Julie Henderson

Elders: Libby Carpenter & Hugh Henderson

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"

Reverend 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 host 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

Reverend Edd Spencer

It is time to go forth and share the Good News. A child has been born! His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

He has established His kingdom, and He longs to reign in our lives. This news is Good News. Brothers and sisters, we are called to proclaim the real meaning of Christmas – a child had been born! Thanks be to God. Amen



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