

Christmas Candlelight Service

PRELUDE Marshall Thompson

Children Sing: "Hurry Christmas"

As worshipers enter the church, ushers distribute individual candles.

HYMN: "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" #379

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

- L. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen**
- L. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.
- C. Oh, come, let us worship him.**
- L. 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.**
- L. 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 a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**
- L. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
- C. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**
- L. Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.
- C. Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

PRAYER

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 in 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. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-14

Choir: "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-16

Solo: "Mary, Did You Know?" Julie Sterling-Burditt

Children's Message: Daryl Lohmeyer & Your Children

HYMN: "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" #361

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

SERMON: "BIRTH OF GOOD NEWS" Pastor Mees

HYMN: "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS" #367

OFFERING

Duet by Marshall Thompson and Yolanda Klappert
"Carole of the Bells" George Winston, Arr.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN: "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT" #363

THE PRAYERS

- L. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
A brief silence
- L. For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- L. 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.**
- L. For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.**
- L. For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

