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CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2023

Prelude, Prayer and Meditation

Announcements

The Christ Candle Lighting

Janis & Roy Saari

Opening Hymn: "All Hail to Thee"

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The Invocation

Responsive Reading

Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen His Glory.

RESPONSE: OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.

Pastor: The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

RESPONSE: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT.

Pastor: Those who lived in darkness – on them Light has shined.

RESPONSE: WE HAVE SEEN CHRIST'S GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF A FATHER'S ONLY SON, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

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

RESPONSE: IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE.

Pastor: In Christ salvation has appeared to all people.

RESPONSE: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! ALLELUIA! OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM!

Scripture Reading: **ISAIAH 7:10-14**
ISAIAH 9:2-7

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Hymn: "All Praise to Thee"

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Special Music "Joseph's Song"

Steve Dahlmeier

Scripture Reading #1 – Luke 2:1-5

Mike Kandoll

Hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

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Scripture Reading #2 – Luke 2:6-7

Larry Walters

Hymn: "O Holy Night"

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Scripture Reading #3 – Luke 2:8-12

Roy Saari

Hymn: "O Come, Little Children"

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Scripture Reading #4 – Luke 2:13-15

Janis Saari

Hymn: “Good News From Heaven”

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Scripture Reading #5 – Luke 2:16-20

Steve Dahlmeier

The Christmas Prayer

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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Sermon Text:

LUKE 1:26-38

Sermon

“No End to His Kingdom”

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Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Lighting of the Candles

Hymnals are placed in the pew racks since they are no longer needed. This year we will be using SafeFlame Flameless Hand-Held LED Flickering Amber Battery Candles. There is a small switch on the bottom for turning it on and off.



Closing Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night” (All Verses Provided)

V1 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.

V2 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!

V3 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.

ALL CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

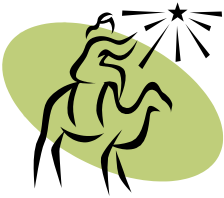
Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

Go forth and enjoy a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year with family and friends while remembering the True Gift, Jesus Christ!



The Congregation stands



*Have a Joyous Christmas 2023
And
Blessed New Year 2024*

*Filled With the Happiness and the Peace of Christ
To All Our P.L.C. Members and Friends
From the Following Persons:*

Roy Saari

Noel & Kris Walters and Family

Christmas Blessings, Joyce Tibbs & Stewart Lee

Pam Bielinski



POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

Don & Parents	– Pam Bielinski
Rebekka & Luuk Wahala	– Larry & Sharon Wahala
Ruth & Henry Johnson	– Larry & Sharon Wahala
Nella & Ernie Wahala	– Larry & Sharon Wahala
Albert Saari & Grandparents	– Janis Saari
Oscar, & Ailie Sunnarborg	– Myrna Maikkula
Marvin Maikkula, Dale Maikkula	– Myrna Maikkula
Lois Johnson	– Myrna Maikkula
Dee & Joshua Salguero	– Larry & Evy Walters
Marlene Walters	– Larry & Evy Walters
Loved Ones	– Bette Hietala
Melissa	– Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier
Marlene	– Lloyd Walters

In Honor of:

Our Children & Grandchildren	– Noel & Kris Walters
My Family	– Elaine Bergstedt
Our Children & Grandchildren	– Steve & Marilyn
My Kids and Grand Kids	– Lloyd Walters



Isaiah 7:10-14 (ESV)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-20

¹ Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Luke 1:26-38 (KJV)

²⁶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

²⁹ And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

³⁰ And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

³¹ And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

³⁴ Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

³⁶ And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

³⁷ For with God nothing shall be impossible.

³⁸ And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

