Silent Night

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, 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.

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.

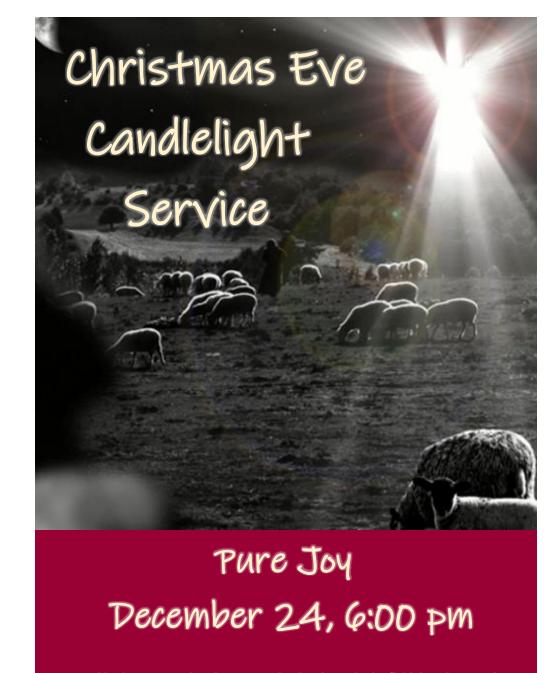
Joy to the World

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.

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.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

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And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behod, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2: 8-11 (ESV)

Heather King Sharon Shelton PRELUDE LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE CHRISTMAS EVE WELCOME SCRIPTURE (please stand) Luke 2:10-20 Walter Johnson CALL TO WORSHIP (please stand) **Pastor Chris** CHILDREN'S STORY 'Twas the Night Before the Real Christmas' **Frank Wingfield** Pastor: Let us prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain THE LORD'S SUPPER Do You Have Room? **Catherine King** and hill be made low, the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. The Joy of the Shepherds CHURCH: Let us prepare our hearts to recognize and receive God's MESSAGE: Pure Joy Luke 2:10-20 Pastor Chris promise of his presence and the newness that He brings. (After the message, we will move outside to our front steps) Pastor: O Lord, we will greatly rejoice in you. For you are making your CANDLE LIGHTING presence known to us. You have clothed us with garments of salvation; you have covered us with the robe of righteousness. O God, may we be Pastor: Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Anyone known among the nations as a people whom you have blessed by your who follows me will never walk in darkness, but birth. will have the light of life.' (John 8:12) CHURCH: Our spirit rejoices in God our Savior, for he has looked with **CHURCH:** We are the light of the world. We should not favor upon us with Jesus's birth. The Mighty One has done great things hide our light under a basket. We are to share for us, and holy is His name. the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:14) Pastor: To God who is able to strengthen us according to Jesus, who is Pastor: We live in a world where there is much darkness. the Christ, according to the revelation of His presence, that was made and need of the Gospel. known to all peoples. CHURCH: Tonight, we hold our candles in unity, as a CHURCH: O Lord, we will sing of your steadfast love forever; we will commitment to the message of our Savior Jesus. proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. We declare that your He was sent from God to be born for us, that all steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the who believe in Him shall not perish but have heavens. eternal life. (John 3:16)

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Chris

HYMNS #89 – O, Come All Ye Faithful James King

94- Angels From the Realms of Glory

HYMNS – witnessing to the world # 91 - 'Silent Night' James King # 87 - 'Joy to the World'

BENEDICTION John 1:14 Pastor Chris