

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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Pure Joy
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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 behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2: 8-11 (ESV)

PRELUDE Heather King

CHRISTMAS EVE WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (please stand) Pastor Chris

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 and hill be made low, the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

CHURCH: *Let us prepare our hearts to recognize and receive God's promise of his presence and the newness that He brings.*

Pastor: O Lord, we will greatly rejoice in you. For you are making your 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 known among the nations as a people whom you have blessed by your birth.

CHURCH: *Our spirit rejoices in God our Savior, for he has looked with favor upon us with Jesus's birth. The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is His name.*

Pastor: To God who is able to strengthen us according to Jesus, who is the Christ, according to the revelation of His presence, that was made known to all peoples.

CHURCH: *O Lord, we will sing of your steadfast love forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. We declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Chris

HYMNS # 89 – O, Come All Ye Faithful James King
94- Angels From the Realms of Glory

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Sharon Shelton

SCRIPTURE (please stand) Luke 2:10-20 Walter Johnson

CHILDREN'S STORY 'Twas the Night Before the Real Christmas`
Frank Wingfield

THE LORD'S SUPPER Do You Have Room? Catherine King

The Joy of the Shepherds

MESSAGE: *Pure Joy* Luke 2:10-20 Pastor Chris

(After the message, we will move outside to our front steps)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Pastor: *Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'* (John 8:12)

CHURCH: *We are the light of the world. We should not hide our light under a basket. We are to share the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ.* (Matthew 5:14)

Pastor: We live in a world where there is much darkness and need of the Gospel.

CHURCH: *Tonight, we hold our candles in unity, as a commitment to the message of our Savior Jesus. He was sent from God to be born for us, that all who believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

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

BENEDICTION John 1:14 Pastor Chris