

Jesus Birth

Luke 2:1 – 20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Sunday, Dec 30th @ 9:00 a.m. will be our New Year’s Worship to give thanks for 2018 and start the 2019 New Year out right.

Wear your comfy sweater and join us for a hymn and carol sing-along. After worship, we will have an appetizer potluck in the fellowship hall.

Come & worship! Experience God’s love in Jesus Christ who makes all things NEW!

ALTAR PARAMENTS (Linen) change color with the various church holidays and special events. Today’s paraments are White for Christmas.

BUSY BAGS FOR OUR ‘YOUNG’ WORSHIPPERS are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please hang them back up after the service. Thank you.

FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE: Peace loves our young children and wants families to know how welcome they are during worship. We also know that sometimes young children have a difficult time sitting through service. If you feel the need to step out for a moment to settle your child, there is a Family/Calming room available which has activities for children and a ceiling speaker, so parents can still hear the message.

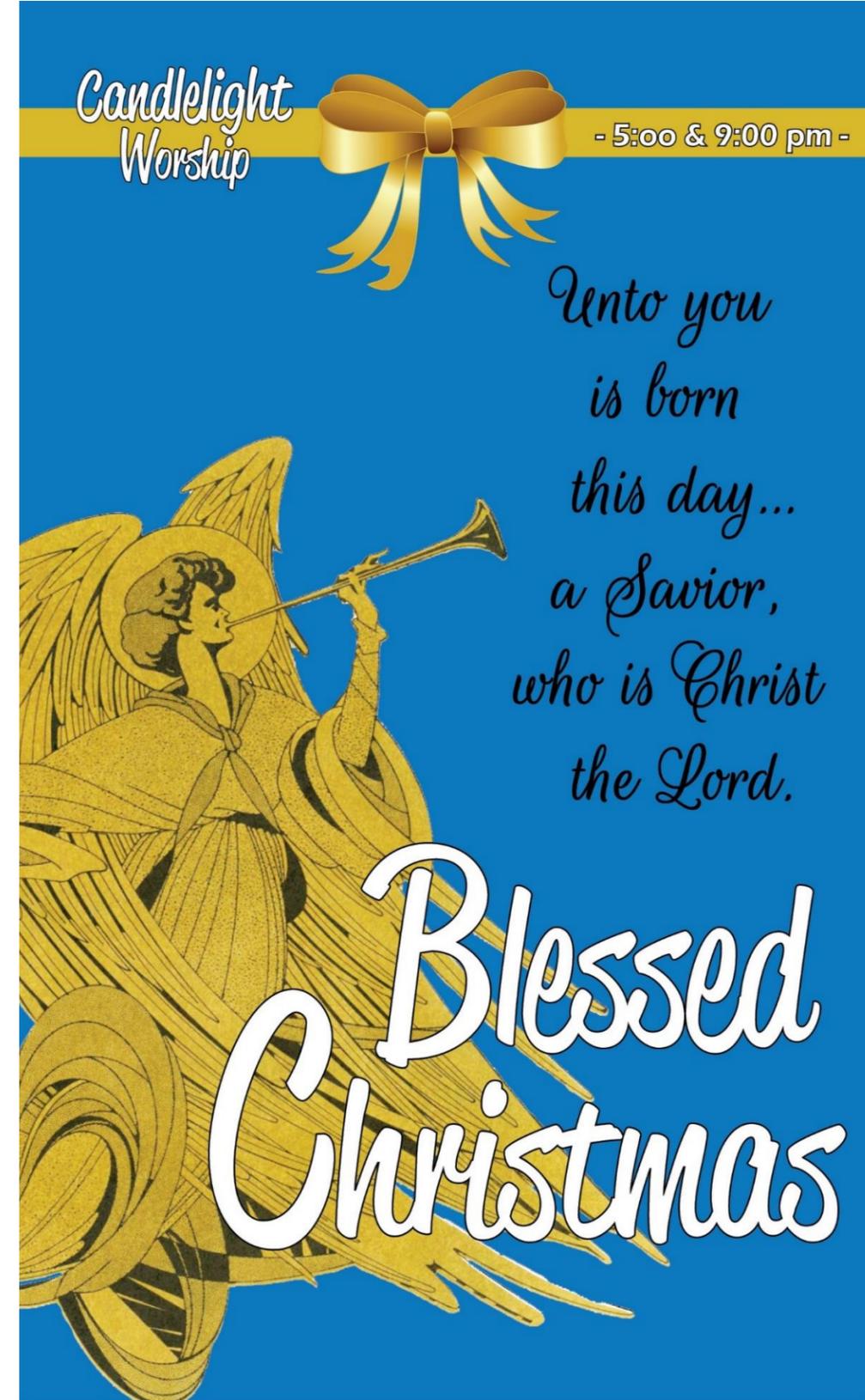


Williams Sound Assistive Listening System and T-Coil devices are available at the Tech Booth in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how they sound, so we can adjust the system for the best sound possible.

IF YOU NEED TO REACH PASTOR DAVID, please call him at (612) 210-3017 or e-mail him at pastor@come2peace.com.

Thank you to tonight’s worship volunteers

SERVING	3:00 PM Family	5:00 PM Candlelight	9:00 PM Candlelight
Accompanists	JoAnn Deveny Cynthia Sparks Peyton Feltmann Andrew Seefeldt Isaac Tesch	JoAnn Deveny Cynthia Sparks Isaac Tesch	Ruth Clark Karen Hoernemann
Special Music	Children of Peace Ella May Ava Heun Rylee May	Marty Malmin Kevin Schroeder Adult Choir	Ann Goebel Rachel Lotito
Acolytes	Dayvin Schroeder Ella Baumann	Emily Heun Ava Heun	Peyton Feltmann Malorie Thorson
Greeters	Seefeldts & McLay	Grosshuesches	Weinzierls
Children’s Story	Stephanie Hanson	N/A	N/A
Reader	Children of Peace	Edie Hanson	Kevin Schroeder
Ushers	Johnsruds & Mays	Nesvolds & Perezes	Lotitos
Communion/ MB Serving	Glen Hulley Jon Peterson	Beth Seefeldt	Bob Rieckenberg
Slide Presenter	Vanessa Schroeder	Edie Hanson	Dayvin Schroeder
Sound System	Phil Schansberg	Ezekiel Cartland	Bill Hoernemann
Video Recorder	Vanessa Schroeder	Edie Hanson	Dayvin Schroeder
Altar Care	Barb Schansberg Cathy Rieckenberg Sharon Weinzierl Jackie Cramb	Barb Schansberg Cathy Rieckenberg Sharon Weinzierl Jackie Cramb	Barb Schansberg Cathy Rieckenberg Sharon Weinzierl Jackie Cramb



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WELCOME

Visitors, Members and Friends!

Tonight we celebrate the birth of our savior ...

Jesus THE GIFT

that perfectly fits every heart,
and it is with His love that all celebration starts.

We rejoice in Him as we remember His birth
and thank God for sending His only Son to earth.

His life led from a manger to a cross on a hill,
where He faithfully followed His Father's perfect will.

He freely laid down everything so that we could live and
there is no greater treasure anyone could give.

Like a scarlet ribbon, His love wrapped around the cross,
and He offered it to us at the greatest cost.

So, when we give from the heart, we remember what He's done
and honor the perfect gift – God's one and only Son.

Thank you for worshiping with us!



WELCOME GUESTS! All who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior are welcome to join us for Communion (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available). May the Holy Spirit bless your worship, so you can leave with peace and hope in your heart, ready to follow Jesus. You are always welcome here at Peace! Please leave your name in our guest book by the front door or share your contact information on the *Let's Get Acquainted* Card. Blessings!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2018 ❖ 5:00 & 9:00 PM

Praise Prelude Praise Band (5:00 pm)
Piano Prelude Ruth Clark (9:00 pm)

Christmas Welcome

Christmas Litany

Leader The Light of the world is about to be born . . .

People . . . our Savior, our Lord, our King!

Leader Look to Bethlehem, to a manger, to the lowliest of places . . .

People . . . to a stable filled with animals and straw.

Leader Look to a shining star and angels singing . . .

People . . . to shepherds and wise men their gifts bringing.

Leader Tonight will be the night . . . our Advent is over. The time has come.
Unto us a Savior is born.

All Jesus is the Light of the world. In Him there is no darkness at all. We are children of the Light!

Leader Come worship the Christ child this night!
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Special Music "Were You There on that Christmas Night" Adult Choir (5:00 pm)

Christmas Prayer / Sharing the Peace

We thank you, O God, for the songs of that first Christmas which were sung by the angelic chorus. As their words removed fear from the shepherds and pronounced to them the good news that Christ was born, we ask too, that our troubled hearts would find calm and contentment in the still of this Christmas night. In the name of the Christ Child. Amen!

Christmas Hymn "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" LBW #45
Everyone sings verses 1 & 4, women sing verse 2, and men sing verse 3

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2 – 7 (687)

Christmas Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" LBW #41

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11 – 14 (1201)

Christmas Hymn "Away in the Manger" LBW #67

Gospel Luke 2:1 - 20 (1026)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Where's the Baby Jesus?" Pastor David Hanson

Sermon Song "O Holy Night" Marty Malmin (5:00 pm)
Congregation (9:00 pm)

Apostle's Creed

Christmas Offering

Special Music "Peace on Earth" Kevin Schroeder (5:00 pm)
"Hallelujah Christmas" Rachel Lotito (9:00 pm)

Offertory Response "We Give Thee but Thy Own" LBW #410

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" LBW #69 (5:00 pm)
"Noel" Ann Goebel (9:00 pm)

"What Child is This?" LBW #40

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LBW #60

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" LBW #70 (5:00 pm)

Distribution of the Candles

Tonight, we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. Our candles will bear witness to that light and brighten this celebration. Ushers will receive their candle light from the pastor's candle. Worshippers at the beginning of the row will receive their light from the ushers. They in turn will pass the light to the next person in their row. **Remember! Lighted candles upright - unlit candles tipped.**

Candlelight Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" LBW #65

Christmas Prayer

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. God bless you now and forever.

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" LBW #39
Everyone sings verses 1 & 4, women sing verse 2, and men sing verse 3

Sending Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!
ALL: We will!!

Praise Postlude Praise Band (5:00 pm)
Piano Postlude Ruth Clark (9:00 pm)

Blessed Christmas!

Extinguished candles can be left on the tables as you leave.



A special thank you to

**Pastor Linda Boyadjis for helping to serve tonight and to our accompanists:
5:00 – JoAnn Deveny (piano), Isaac Tesch (trumpet) & Cynthia Sparks (flute)
9:00– Ruth Clark (piano) & Karen Hoernemann (tenor sax)**