| WELCOME TO   | Special Music "The Star Carol" -Sharolyn Metternich   |
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| THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS<br>PASTOR DAVID WALLIS   | Christmas Offering Blessing<br>*Doxology pg. 625  |
| December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM  | Children's Special Music "Away in a Manger"   |
| Prelude  | Time with the Children – Reading of "Santa's Secret Training" -June Baily   |
| Greeting<br>"O Come All Ye Faithful"<br>-Jeff Metternich   | A Short Message -Pastor Dave  |
| *Introit "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #128  | Nativity in Bethlehem:Song: "O Holy Night!"vs. 1 & 2Reading: Luke 2:1-7   |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle Les & Laura Jackson   *Call to Worship Pastor: Tonight, old dreams die and new dreams come to life.  | Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"vs. 1 & 2#141Reading: Luke 2:8-12   |
| The Promise is fulfilled!<br><b>People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.</b><br>Pastor: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.   | Song: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" vs. 1 & 4 #135<br>Reading: Luke 2:13-16  |
| <b>People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.</b><br>Pastor: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades<br>midnight. The Light of the World has come.   | Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"vs. 1 & 4#132Reading: Matthew 2:1-10  |
| <b>People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.</b><br>Pastor: And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting  | Song: "We Three Kings"vs. 1 & 5#166Reading: Matthew 2:11-12   |
| our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human<br>flesh within us and among us now and always.   | Song: "Joy to the World!" vs. 1 & 4 #125  |
| People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.  | Candle lighting   |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving   | For the spreading of the light. As we share the light of our candles, we witness to the Light of God in Jesus Christ. This is the Light which   |
| The Lord's Prayer<br>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy<br>kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give<br>us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we<br>forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into<br>temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,<br>and the power, and the glory forever. Amen. | Darkness cannot overcome! The Pastor will light a candle from the<br>Christ Candle and then the ushers will bring the light to each row.<br>Please take the light from the person next to you by tipping your unlit<br>candle to the candle with the flame next to you. <b>DO NOT TIP A LIT</b><br><b>CANDLE</b> . When all the candles are glowing, we will sing "Silent Night".<br>Raise your lit candles high whenever there is any reference to<br>Jesus' name. |

Extinguishing of the Light

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Special Music

Scripture Reading

"What Child Is This?"

Micah 5:1-5

-Les Jackson, Joshua Kuehn, & Loretta Martinek

The congregation may exit the Sanctuary with the candles. You may take the candle with you or place it in the baskets provided at the door.

Prayer and Blessing



## 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, Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

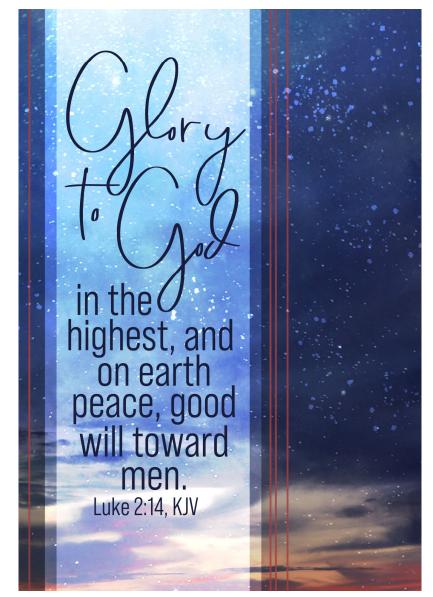
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



\* Christmas Offering Envelopes will go towards Pastor Discretionary Fund for Community Needs.

\* If you ordered a poinsettia for the Sanctuary, you may take it home following the service tonight.

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