Christmas Eve Celebration

Kid’s Christmas Program

December 24, 2020

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

L: Merry Christmas! Christ is born!

**P: Merry Christmas! Hope has come to the world!**

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: Good news! Unspeakable joy!

**P: A great light has burst forth,**

**overcoming the darkness!**

L: A child is born for us—a son has been given! Come, let us

see what God has brought us!

**P: Let us see what the Lord has done!**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**P: And on earth, peace and goodwill to all!**

**\*Opening Carol** O Come All Ye Faithful

**Lighting the Christ Candle (Dodge Family)**

**Reader 1:**
We light the first Advent Candle: the candle of watching and waiting for we have searched and waited for our Savior to come to us.
**Reader 2:**We light the second Advent Candle: the candle of preparation as we have prepared our hearts to receive the Savior.
**Reader 1:**
We light the third Advent Candle: the candle of beholding and believing because we have seen the mighty power and love of God in our lives.
**Reader 2:**
We light the fourth Advent Candle: the candle of rejoicing because we have been blessed with the good news of God’s love for all God’s people!
**Reader 3:**
Now the time is near! The One who will save us, brings God’s light into our world. We light this Christ Candle in celebration of God’s most precious gift to us - our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**\*Opening Prayer**

Precious Jesus, you came into the world on this day so many years ago. It’s hard for us to imagine what it was like to grow up back then. It can be tough growing up right now. Thank you for showing us that God is always with us, even when we don’t see God. We know that we can make it through anything because you are here.

**Scripture Luke 2:1-7**

**2** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Christmas Music** Mary Did You Know? Karen Joy Smith

**Christmas Storybook Time**

**\*Carol** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**The Christmas Story Luke 2:8-14**

8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**\*Carol** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Christmas Music** Midnight Noel Time Cervenka

**Christmas Story** Pastor Doug Dickson

**Christmas Prayer**

**\*Carol** Joy to the World

**\*Benediction**

**\*Silent Night Service**