

**WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS  
PASTOR DAVID WALLIS**

December 24, 2022      Christmas Eve Service      7:00 PM

Prelude

Greeting



“O Come All Ye Faithful”

-Jeff Metternich

\*Introit      “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”      #128

Lighting of the Christ Candle      Les & Laura Jackson

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Tonight, old dreams die and new dreams come to life.  
The Promise is fulfilled!

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Pastor: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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Pastor: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades  
midnight. The Light of the World has come.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Pastor: And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame within  
the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting  
our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human  
flesh within us and among us now and always.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Special Music      “What Child Is This?”  
-Les Jackson, Joshua Kuehn, & Loretta Martinek

Scripture Reading      Micah 5:1-5      pg. 922

Special Music      “The Star Carol”      -Sharolyn Metternich

Christmas Offering Blessing  
\*Doxology      pg. 625

Children’s Special Music      “Away in a Manger”

Time with the Children – Reading of “Santa’s Secret Training”      -June Bailey

A Short Message      -Pastor Dave

Nativity in Bethlehem:

Song: “O Holy Night!”      vs. 1 & 2      #148

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Song: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”      vs. 1 & 2      #141

Reading: Luke 2:8-12

Song: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”      vs. 1 & 4      #135

Reading: Luke 2:13-16

Song: “Angels We Have Heard on High”      vs. 1 & 4      #132

Reading: Matthew 2:1-10

Song: “We Three Kings”      vs. 1 & 5      #166

Reading: Matthew 2:11-12

Song: “Joy to the World!”      vs. 1 & 4      #125

Candle lighting

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 Darkness cannot overcome! The Pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and then the ushers will bring the light to each row. Please take the light from the person next to you by tipping your unlit candle to the candle with the flame next to you. **DO NOT TIP A LIT CANDLE.** When all the candles are glowing, we will sing “Silent Night”. Raise your lit candles high whenever there is any reference to Jesus’ name.

Extinguishing of the Light

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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Welcome to Our Worship Service