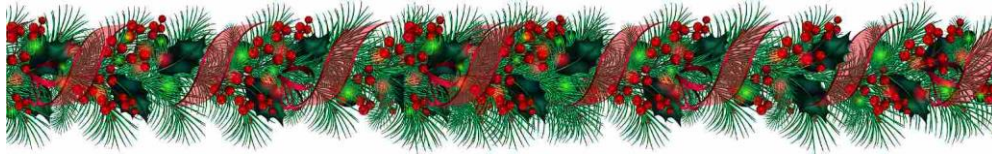


CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2021

7 pm

Pastor Don Kephart  
Bo Collins, Music Director





**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

God of angels and babies fill the skies with light and song and fill our hearts with wonder and peace. For on this night a window to heaven opens, and we catch a glimpse of an incredible love which descends as a child. O, let the angels sing and let our hearts be softened. Let our lives be filled anew with hope and joy. God of the shepherds and stars open us to the miracle of your love which enters the world and our lives this holy night. Amen.

\* Hymn #234 - O, Come, All Ye Faithful

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor: Joy to the world,

**People: The Lord is come!**

Pastor: Sing it. Say it. Tell the world.

**People: Go, tell it on the mountain,**

Pastor: Over the hills and everywhere.

**People: Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

Pastor: Sing it. Say it. Spread the news!

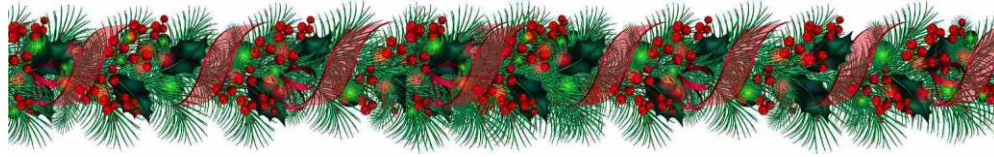
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

Pastor: So, come, come and worship.

**All: Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

\* Please stand as you are able.



**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **Isaiah 52: 7-10 NIV**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **Titus 2: 11-14 NIV**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory  
Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      **Luke 2: 1-20 NIV**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**MESSAGE**                                      **“Baby Jesus - A Gift to be Shared!”**

Pastor Don

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

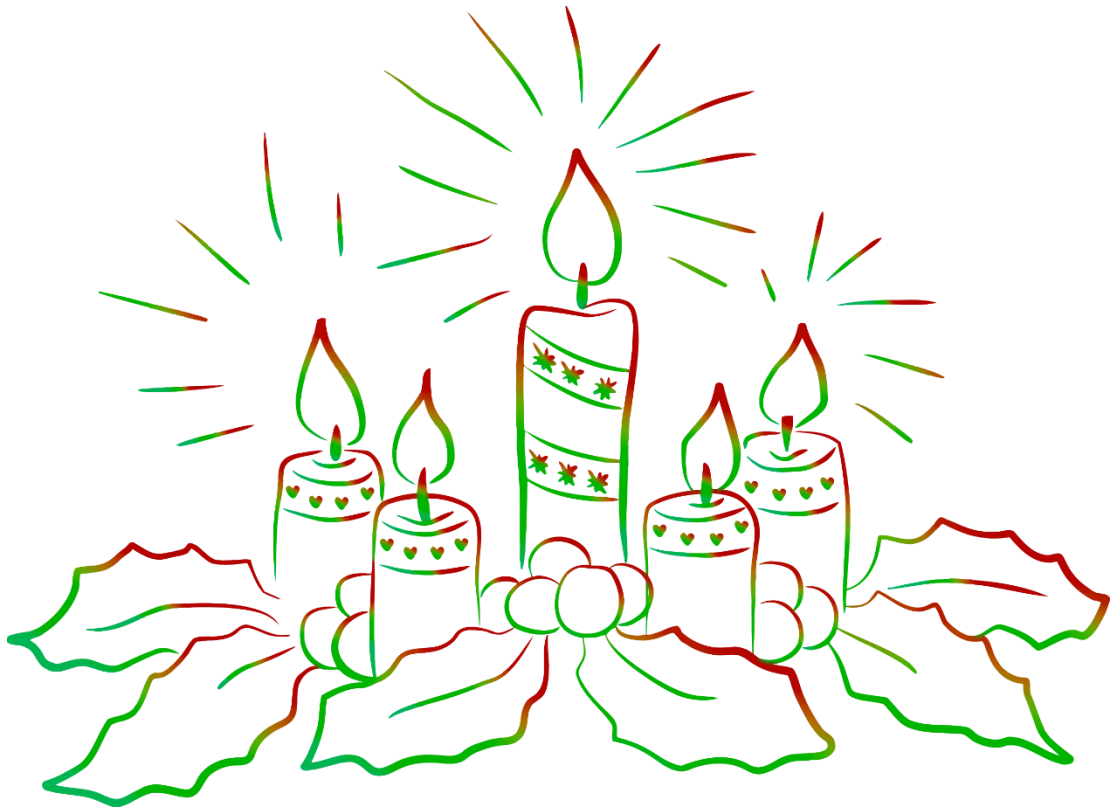
**Congregational Candle Lighting**

\* Hymn #239 Silent Night, Holy Night

**BENEDICTION**

\* Postlude: Hymn #246 Joy to the World

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*



## *Our Scripture*

### **Isaiah 52: 7-10 NIV**

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.  
When the Lord returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.

<sup>9</sup>Burst into songs of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see  
the salvation of our God.

### **Titus 2: 11-14 NIV**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup>It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

## Luke 2: 1-20 NIV

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.