

Charge and Benediction

(Please extinguish your candles and leave them in the baskets provided as you leave the sanctuary.)

***Congregational Response ~ #29 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

Postlude

May the Blessings of Christmas enfold you and your family and uphold you into the New Year !

The poinsettia plants decorating the sanctuary today are given in Dedication to:

*"Joy to the World!".....Rick & Kay Amendola
"In Loving Memory of my parents".....Marilyn McAfee
"In Loving Memory of my husband Jack, my brother and my parents".....Louise Hughes
"Come All Ye Faithful".....Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell*

*"In Loving Memory of Fred's parents and Bev's father".....Fred & Bev King
"In Loving Memory of wife Sue".....Bill Smith*

*"Rejoice! Rejoice!".....Jean Burtch
"In honor of my dad and in memory of my mom".....Linda Hoover*

*"In Loving Memory of our son, Don".....Ed & Betty Wolff
"In Loving Memory of our son, Matt".....Dick & Gayle Bell*

*"Immanuel, God With Us!".....Pat Gibson
"In Loving Memory of Albert & Betty Steely ".....Mike & Barb Roadruck*

*"In Loving Memory of John Durrant and
Solomon & Hazel Humberger".....David & Sharon Durrant
"Joy to the World, The Lord is Come!".....Marj Heaton
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".....Web & Woody Cole*



The Chancel Guild thanks all who have made our sanctuary beautiful this Advent Season. Poinsettia plants may be taken home after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service. Any plants left after the service will be delivered to shut-ins.

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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2008 ~ 7:00 PM

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Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



Christmas Eve

Instrumental Prelude

"O Holy Night"

Shannon Smith

Welcome ~ Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call To Worship ~

Rev. Pat

Unison Prayer Of Praise And Adoration

What a joy and a privilege it is, O God, to be there tonight as we anticipate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, into our world. Just as Mary and Joseph now prepare for the birth about to happen, so now do we prepare ourselves for the birth of joy and peace in our world. Loving God, open wide the crowded inns of our hearts. Lift up the valleys of our discouragement and doubt. Make low the mountains of our fear and hate. Reveal your light and let us see it together, in ourselves, and in each other. Amen.

***Hymn #40**

"Joy to the World" (verses 1 and 2 only)

Time With The Younger Church

Rev. Pat

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

The Gifts of Christmas

The Word of the Lord: Luke 2: 1-7

Special Music ~ "Mary Did You Know?" Anne Rubley and Praise Band

Meditation: The Gift of Room

Hymn #56 "The First Nowell" (verses 1 and 2 only)

The Word of the Lord: Luke 2: 8-16

Meditation: The Gift of Bread

Hymn #24 "Away in a Manger"

The Word of the Lord: Luke 2: 17-20

Meditation: The Gift of Sight

Anthem ~ "Hope Has Hands" Geneva Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering and the Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory ~ Anthem ~ "Still the Greatest Story Ever Told"

The Praise Band

***Doxology for Christmas**

Praise God whose Son was born this night.

Praise Christ who came to give us light.

Praise Holy Spirit, Three in One;

Let praises ring, thy will be done. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** ~

Rev. Pat

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem ~ "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"

Patti Nordhoff and Praise Band

The Word of the Lord: John 1: 1-9, 14

Meditation: The Gift of Light

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

***The Candle Lighting Liturgy** ~

The Henning Family

First Reader: Our Christmas journey has seen Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem, and the wonder of having their baby Jesus be born. We have seen shepherds celebrating. We have journeyed with them in our time and given thanks for the precious gift of Jesus in our hearts, and in our world. *(Light the four Advent candles)*

We remember and we celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

Second Reader: Of course, our journey doesn't stop here at the manger, any more than Jesus' life stopped there. But something is different. God's presence is more clearly seen.

Tonight we also receive and celebrate the gifts of room, bread, sight and light.

First Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Let us now light our Christ candle as a symbol of the light of Jesus, the light that can shine in and through each one of us.

(Light the Christ Candle)

Let us now spread this precious light, the Spirit of Christ, as a celebration of Christmas throughout the world.

(The liturgists and pastor will pass the candlelight through the congregation. Please pass the flame along your row, tipping your unlighted candle into the flame.)

***Hymn of the Holy Birth** ~ Silent Night, Holy Night