



# CHRISTMAS EVE

## Lessons & Praise, Carols & Candlelight

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm

*Christmas Prelude of Praise* - *Teddi Enders, harp*

*Welcome and Greeting*

- *Entrance of the Christ Candle*

*Christmas Eve Invocation & Responses*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son **†** and of the Holy Spirit

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light

**People:** **On those living in the land of the shadow of death,**  
**A Light has dawned.**

**Pastor:** For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government  
will be on His shoulders

**People:** **And He shall be call Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,**  
**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

♪ **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*The Christmas Creed*

I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things,  
who so loved me that He sent His Son to be my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels,  
worshipped by the shepherds and the Wise Men;  
who lived to suffer, die and rise again to free me from sin,  
death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who has brought me to faith  
and by whose continuous works in my heart I am ever led  
to lay before the feet of Christ all that I am and have,  
and am blessed to live under Him as my King,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

*Christmas Eve Message (Part 1)*

- **"Because of the Mess..."**

**THERE IS CHRISTMAS"**

*A Savior Promised* - *Isaiah 7:14 / 9:2, and 6-7*

...Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

...The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

...For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice

and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Song Response* - "NOEL"

♪ 1- Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

*Chorus: Noel, Noel Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel*

2. Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer, born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

*Christmas Eve Message (Part 2)* - "**Because of the Mess...**

**THERE IS CHRISTMAS"**

*A Savior Promised (II)* - *Micah 5:2-5*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me One who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

## Song Response      "What Child is This [Christ the King]"

♪ 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
    Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
    While shepherds watch are keeping?

*Chorus: This is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
From our hearts our praises ring...  
To the babe, the son of Mary!  
Oh, raise a song on high  
His mother sings a lullaby*

2. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant king, to own Him.  
    The King of kings salvation brings;  
    Let loving hearts enthrone Him.      *Chorus*

## Christmas Eve Message (Part 3)      "Because of the Mess..."

### **THERE IS CHRISTMAS"**

#### A Savior Given      - Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not,

*(continues)*

for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

Christmas Eve Message (Part 4) - **"Because of the Mess...  
THERE IS CHRISTMAS"**

A Savior Given (II) - Luke 2:15-22

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the LORD.

Receiving of the Offering: Song Medley

"A Christmas Hallelujah"

1. I've heard about this baby boy... Who comes to earth to bring us joy  
And I just want to sing of this song to you  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth... The minor fall, the major lift  
With every breath I'm singing "Hallelujah"

***Hallelujah, Hallelujah***  
***Hallelujah, Hallelujah***

2. A couple came to Bethlehem... Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay... So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah *Chorus*
3. The shepherds left their flocks by night... To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said... You'll find Him in a manger bed  
And there you'll your Savior, Hallelujah *Chorus*
4. I know You came to rescue me... This baby boy would grow to be  
A man who'd one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You... That rugged cross was my cross, too  
And every breath You drew was "Hallelujah" *Chorus - 2x*

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♪ **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

**Service of Light ~ Congregational Candlelighting**

*Please do not tip lighted candles...  
Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame*



*Candle Lighting Hymn* - "Silent Night, Holy 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,  
Heav'nly 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.**

*Lord's Prayer* - (prayed together in a whisper)

**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 and ever. Amen.**

*Words of Benediction & Dismissal*

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. The almighty God, the Father, the Son  and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forevermore. Amen.

*(Please extinguish your candle,  
being careful not to spill any wax – after the service...returning candles to the boxes)*

## Parting Hymn

### “Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

*Chorus:* Joy to the world my heart will sing

Bowing before the manger King

Honor and blessing I will bring

Joy to the world Joy to you and me...

3. No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.  
Far as the curse is found. *to Chorus*
4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love. *to Chorus - 2x*

Please join us for our Christmas Day Worship...tomorrow morning @ 10:00 am

- As Pastor Yonker shares his message / letter:

### “Christmas-Time: A BOOSTER SHOT OF COMPASSION...

#### A Letter to My Children & Grandchildren”

*... Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*



*Psalm 85:10*