

Hope Mennonite Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Joy to the world”

Hymnal 318

An astonishing announcement

Luke 1:26-38

Lighting the first advent candle

“Lo, how a rose e'er blooming”

Hymnal 211

“A virgin most pure”

Choir

God remembers justice & mercy

Luke 1:46-55

Lighting the second advent candle

“My soul proclaims with wonder”

Hymnal 181

Lowly King

Luke 2:1-7

Lighting the third advent candle

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 194

Glory to God in the Highest!

Luke 2:8-14

Now in that region there were shepherds living out in the fields and guarding their flock in shifts during the night.

Then suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said to them, “Don't be afraid, for see, I am bringing good news to you—a great joy which will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”

Then suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host who were praising God. They said ...

“Glory to God in the highest!

And peace on earth for humanity, according to God's favor!”

Lighting the fourth advent candle
"Angels we have heard on high"

Hymnal 197

God is With Us

Matthew 1:18-25

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer

"Come to the manger"

"Away in the manger"

Choir

Hymnal 194

Sharing the Light

"Silent Night"

Insert

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Thank you for worshipping with us on this Christmas Eve. May the mystery of God's presence in Jesus Christ fill your Christmas with joy and promise; rejoice in Emmanuel – God with us!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Dave Stevens

Song Leader: Galen Fast

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Saxophone: Galen Fast

Scripture Readers & Candle Lighters: Cindy Fast & Charlene Grinsell, Connie & Scott Luty, Steve & Sharon Pankratz, Kathleen & Mick Lehman, Wendy Wiens & Michelle Jantz



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, 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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King.
"Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."