



Hope Mennonite Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Prelude

*Call to worship

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep shadows
a light has shone.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and dominion will be upon his shoulders
and he will be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Welcome & Introduction

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #241

Lesson Luke 1:26-35

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #247

Lesson Matthew 1:18-23

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #249

Lesson Luke 2:1-7

*"Joy to the World" #240

Lesson

Luke 2:8-18

“O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

#275

Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

“What Child is This”

#267

Lesson

John 1:1-5

Prayer

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Sharing the Light”

“Silent Night”

*Benediction

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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. If you are joining by Zoom, you are invited to have a candle ready for “Sharing the Light” to display on your screen.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Randy Quinn

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

If you purchased a poinsettia(s), please feel free to take it home after the service. There are plastic bags on the pulpit shelf.

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."