

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN

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, heavenly 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.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(Repeat Chorus)*

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CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2017
11 AM

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P: **We who have lived in darkness have seen the Light of the Lord
growing brighter, day by day.**

L: This day, the True Light arrives.

P: **This day, the Light shines brightest.**

L: The Light of Peace has come.

P: **The Light of Hope has come.**

L: The Light of Joy has come.

P: **The Light of Love has come.**

L: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

P: **Let us kindle the light of the Lord!**

HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2-5a

*(After this Scripture is read and as people begin to sing,
Mary and Joseph come forward to the manger.)*

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:3-5, Mark 1:7-8

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
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,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

*(After this Scripture is read and as people begin to sing,
the "Stars" come forward to the manger.)*

HYMN

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

*(After this Scripture is read and as people begin to sing,
the "Angels" come forward to the manger.)*

HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-19

*(After this Scripture is read and as people begin to sing,
the "Shepherds" come forward to the manger.)*

HYMN

What Child Is This

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?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels
sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Repeat Refrain

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-11

*(After this Scripture is read and as people begin to sing,
the "Wise Men" come forward to the manger.)*

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *(Refrain)*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Cooperative Christian Ministry

(All are invited to bring offerings forward as parents collect their children.)

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter