

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**December 24, 2022** **7:00 PM**

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- \*Prelude "Mary, Did You Know?"
- \*Bells: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"  
Judy Simpson
- \*Hymn "Joy to the World" #246:1,2,4
- \*Call to Worship  
Leader: Glory to God in the highest.  
**People: and on earth peace, good will toward all.**  
Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be to all people.  
**People: Glory be to God on high.**  
Leader: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.  
**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all. Amen.**
- \*Offertory "Away in a manger" Murray  
Vocalists: Ella & Henry Nelson
- \*Hymn Sing  
*(Choose a hymn and we'll sing the first verse. Christmas hymns can be found in the Hymnal from 214-251)*
- \*A Time of Prayer *(Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)*
- \*Choir Anthem "Gloria!" McDonald  
Trumpet: Ryan Nelson

Scripture Luke 2:1-14

2 In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. 2 This

first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. 3 Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. 4 Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. 5 He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. 6 While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. 7 She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom. 8 Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. 9 The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. 11 Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. 12 This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, 14 "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

- \*Sermon "Angels and Shepherds...Really?!" Pastor John
- \*Solo "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam  
Vocalist: Ruthie Nelson
- \*Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239
- \*Candle Lighting  
(Please be careful with the candles. The ushers will light the candle of the person next to the aisle. The lighted candle always stays upright. Tilt the unlit candle to light it. Then the next person in the row tilts their candle to light theirs from the lighted one.)
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**—Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Murphy Mullens, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Pastor John Griswold, James (friend of Ruth Dean), Bill Madity (brother of Diane Walsh), Howell family, Ginny Monroe, Joe McGinley, McKinley family, Rosemary Pignataro, Charlotte Perolio, Sherri Schmitz, Evelyn Sheppard and family, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Anna and Hellwig Herber (Elke's mom and brother), Louis Kaduk, Starla Knox and family, Jeanne Summerford, Ainsworth Brown, Tom Miller.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POINSETTIAS**—The plants look beautiful! If you ordered a poinsettia, please take it home after today's worship.

**\*CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES 2023**—The use of designated envelopes helps with managing your contributions but it is optional. Keep in mind that online giving is also available now. If you would like to use envelopes, please pick them up in the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order of last names. If you don't see envelopes with your name on it, please take a packet and write down your name and envelope number on the sign-out sheet.

**\*UPPER ROOM**—This daily devotional guide for January/February 2023 is available in the Narthex and in the office. Please put \$2 in an envelope and mark it "Upper Room".

**\*CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Please join us!

**\*BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am. Materials are provided.

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