

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 2022
6:30 PM**

*** Indicates Congregation Standing**

The Hymnal for this evening is the Red Hymnal.

Greeting

Prelude & Lighting the Candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

Call to Worship

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:
they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.*

For unto us a child is born

and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

*And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!*

***And of his reign of peace, there shall be on end,
from henceforth and even forever more!***

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this!

(from Isaiah 9)

GATHERING TOWARD THE LIGHT

A Prayer

Rev. Koyama

***A Carol #132** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (verses 1&2)

Mary

Luke 1: 26-38

A Carol #131 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*
(seated)

Joseph

Matthew 1: 18-25

A Carol #111 *“Of the Father's Love Begotten”* (verses 1&2)
(seated)

To Bethlehem

Luke 2: 1-5

A Carol #134 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*
(seated)

Shepherds

Luke 2: 8-15

***A Carol #116** *“Angels We Have Heard On High”* (verses 1&2)

Wisemen

Matthew 2: 1-10

A Carol #141 *“The First Noel”*
(seated)

A Prayer

Rev. Koyama

“Mary Did You Know”

Choir

By Mark Lowry

THE BIRTH

Luke 2:7

Lighting of the Christ Candle

A child will bring the baby Jesus to the creche

A Carol #140 *“What Child Is This?”*
(seated)

GATHERING AT THE MANGER

**The Shepherds
The Wisemen**

Luke 2:16-20
Matthew 2:9-12

***A Carol #120** *“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”*

TIME OF OFFERING

“A Glorious Night”
by Don Besig and Nancy Price Choir

***Offertory Anthem**
Praise God, the Source of life and birth.
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.
(tune of Old 100th)

***Offertory Prayer**

A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

John 1:1-5

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

(Please form a circle along the walls. When lighting each other's candles, keep the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle so as not to spill wax. We will start singing when all the candles are lit.)

***A Carol** *“Silent Night”* (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION

(Please blow out your candles and put them in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary.)

May you have a blessed Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twist top Electric Candles are available for young children.
Half of the offering will go to the Church, half to the local Food Bank.
Bernie Walsh and Penny Stewart are the soloists on “Mary did you Know.”