



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

The Shepherds at the Manger, F. Liszt

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE - Linda & Hannah Kwiatkowski

Leader: As we gather this evening and light this Christ candle, we are reminded by the prophet that the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
Leader: We praise you, O God, for you illuminate our lives.
People: For a child has been born for us. His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Leader: For you, O God, we waited with hope, peace, joy, and love.
People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

HYMN 133

1 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!

2 True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Adeste Fideles

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

4 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]

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: When we make no room for Christ, and fail to welcome him into our lives,

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: When we follow shooting stars and squander our gifts in Herod's court,

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: When we seek to cut down those who might rise above us,

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: When we sanitize your birth place and erase from memory the poor and displaced,

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: When we sing sweet sentiments over Christ's birth, and fail to rejoice over his everyday presence,

People: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us (silent confession continues...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's love knows no bounds. Love comes down at Christmas—a love so deep and so profound that nothing will ever be the same again. Know that this love is come for you—to touch you, to heal you, to forgive you, to make you whole.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High, Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Do Not Be Afraid

Caesar Augustus- Chuck Kamp
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Angel - Lucia Hayes
Messenger Angel - Anjali Hayes
Shepherds - David, Sara & Jeff Hayes
Voice of sheep- Jeff Hayes

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HYMN 124

Still, Still, Still, Still, Still, Still

1. Still, still still, he sleeps this night so chill!
The virgin's tender arms enfolding, warm
and safe the child are holding.
Still still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.

2. Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep
While angel hosts from heaven come winging,
sweetest songs of joy are singing.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN 122

1. 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.

2. 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!, Stille Nacht

3. 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.

4. 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!

HYMN 134

1. Joy to the world, the Lord has 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

2. Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Joy to the World, Anitoch

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found

4. 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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Russian Carol of the Bells, arr. C. Uehlein



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Poinsettia Dedications

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To Honor

Betsy Wood, Katie Brenner & their families
Judy Braucht
Richard & Ruth Hein
Bob & Alleyne Halls
my daughter, Chris

From

Dorothy Blotz
Linda & John Braden
Marcy Braucht
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Juanita Halls
Mary Lathrop
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Tonja, Troy, Sophie & Aidan Lepien
Nell Seiberlich
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Judy Stone
Jerry, John & Mary Tarr

To Remember

My Parents & Two Sisters
Beth & Sam Braden, Dolores & Fred Frehner
Scott Braucht; Vera and Ernie Stachour
Frank & Ruth Douma
Edward & Annie Krug
John & Pearl Jax
Louise Lathrop Hemstead
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