



And she brought forth  
her firstborn son,  
and wrapped him  
in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger;  
because there was no room  
for them in the inn.

LUKE 2:7, KJV





PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

3:00 PM Worship

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022

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## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Christmas Candle

**P:** The Apostle John saw the salvation of God in the Word, the Word of God made flesh. For that Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and in Him was life!

**C: Lord, as we light the Christ candle this Christmas morning, give us sight! Sight to see your salvation in the Word. Sight to see the glory of the One and Only in the baby Jesus. Sight to see Your grace and Your truth in the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Song “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful”

**LBW 45**

Confession & Forgiveness

**P:** Rejoicing in the good news that God and sinners are reconciled in Christ, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** God of everlasting love,

**P & C: we confess that we have lived in captivity to the fear of death. By our actions and by our neglect, we have fallen short of your good and gracious will. Free us from anxiety and distraction cast out our sin, and enter in; give us a new birth of hope as we welcome the child born to save, Christ the Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P:** The angels of God proclaim to us the birth of hope and joy and peace to God's people on earth. For the sake of the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, God forgives us all our sins and delights to call us beloved children.

**C: Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD**

Scripture Reading:

Micah 5:2, 4-5a

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Song **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**LBW 41**

Children’s Sermon

Song **“Joy to the World”**

**LBW 39**

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-21 (NIV)

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Sermon **“The Gift that Changes Everything”**

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Song **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**LBW 71**

Prayer

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Distribution

Song during Communion **“The First Noel”**

**LBW 56**

Communion Blessing

## **GOD CALLS US TO SERVE**

Instructions for Lighting Candles

Candlelight Songs **“O Holy Night”**

with **“Silent Night, Holy Night!”**

**LBW 65**

## **ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE**

**Thank you for joining us this Christmas Eve for worship our God together! We hope you have a safe and blessed day!**

# PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

## Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Mary Lee Erickson, Mike Erickson, Laura Johnson, LaDene Nelson

### Please pray for:

- Praise God! Jill DeWet's PET scan on Nov. 30th showed the chemo is working & her cancer is in complete remission. Pray for her continued healing, strength, & well-being & for the future treatments they have lined up for Jill to go well and help her to remain cancer free. Please continue to pray for Jacques's mother, Renee, as she seeks permission from the U.S. Consulate in South Africa to come to the U.S. to visit Jacques, Jill, & Maverick.
- Praise God Skyler Hanten continues to recover well from his knee surgery. Please pray the Lord would expedite his physical therapy so he might be able to participate in track this spring. Thank Him Skyler is walking well without his brace.
- Praise God Caroline Butler's granddaughter, Katie, has had both lumps removed from her neck. The first one was found to be benign. Please pray the second one would also be found to be benign,
- Nicole Olesen (Pr. Dave & Peggy's niece) in her battle with cancer. Pray for her, her husband, Mark, & their children to know the Lord's peace, strength, & presence throughout.
- Dan Hauser (Pr. Dave's & Peggy's brother-in-law) in his battle with bladder & kidney cancer. Pray for a quick recovery from his recent surgery & thank God for an encouraging report from his doctor.
- Safe journeys for everyone traveling over the Christmas holiday. Pray for airline schedules to be on time, roads to be good, vehicles to work well, & for favorable weather.
- For a special presence of the Holy Spirit during the holidays for our church and every church that preaches the truth about Jesus. Pray people's hearts & minds would be awakened to the truth of Jesus, that old faith lives would be renewed, and for many to accept Jesus as Lord for the first time. Pray for mature Christians to come alongside new Christians & disciple them.
- All those who have experienced devastation from tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, & forest fires that they would know the Lord's provision, peace, & comfort, & feel the tangible love of the church helping them through their heartache.