



THE BIRTH OF

Jesus



FOR UNTO US IS BORN
THIS DAY IN THE CITY
OF DAVID A SAVIOR,
WHO IS CHRIST THE
LORD. LUKE 2:10



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
Pastor Dave Martin
4 Advent – December 24, 2023
9:30 AM Worship

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Fourth Candle on Advent Wreath

P: When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife and she bore a son, and he called him Jesus.

C: Lord, as we light this advent candle, give us courage to follow your commands as Joseph did. You used the obedience of Joseph and Mary alike to bring your son into the world. Likewise, use our obedience to bring Christ to the world of this day. You used Joseph and Mary to give him the name "Jesus," which means *the Lord saves*, for he will save his people from their sins. Empower us to proclaim the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and your salvation. Amen.

Jennifer Severson family

Songs "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

LBW 45

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

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 Lessons:

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Acts 4:8-12

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-21

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Sermon **"The Birth of Jesus"**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **"Mary Did You Know"**

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Song during Communion **"A Christmas Alleluia"**

Communion Blessing

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song **"Hark the Harold Angels Sing"**

GHF 60

Benediction

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email bulletin info by Thursdays 8 AM

Thank you for joining us this Christmas Eve to celebrate the Savior being born! We hope you have a safe and blessed day!

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December 17 General Offering: \$5139.00 **Attendance:** 185

Greeters Dec 24—Dave & Joyce Carter

Dec 31—Terry & Donna Boysen

Communion Servers—Jim Holter, Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal

Ushers Dec 24—Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott

Dec 31—Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz

Coffee Cookie Servers

Dec 24—Christmas Eve (No Cookies)

Dec 31—New Year's Eve (No Cookies)

No Sunday School or Confirmation on Sundays, December 24 & 31.
We will resume on January 7.

No Men's Bible Study this week, Saturday, December 30th. We'll pick back up in the new year on Saturday, January 6.

Join us to Celebrate the birth of our Savior

Sunday, December 24:

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion

Monday, December 25

9:30 AM Christmas Worship Service with Communion

"Something More in '24" On **Monday, January 8th**, we will begin a Bible Study on the book of John. We will meet from 1:00 to 2:15 PM on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Following an opening prayer, we will start each session by watching one chapter of the book of John on the Visual Bible. Every word spoken on this video is directly from the Bible. There is something powerful about hearing God's Word and seeing it walked out on the television screen before us. After watching the video, we will read through the chapter and discuss it verse by verse.

Missions in Sioux Falls are in need **men's gloves, socks and stocking hats** for this winter. Also looking for donations of Bibles, devotionals, and Bible Study books for adults, teenagers and children. These items can be placed in the box in the narthex.

We are working together with Calvary Baptist Church and New Hope Christian Camp to establish a Community Alpha in our area. We believe by working together on this project that we can greatly increase the number of people who will be able to attend Alpha. Though it is only an eleven-week course, Alpha has an outstanding track record for leading unchurched people to Christ and greatly increasing the faith of those who are churching.

Join us for **Platte Community Alpha Sneak Peek** "Is There More to Life than This?" on Sunday, January 21st at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp.

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Assisted Living: Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please pray for the family and friends of Adele Holter as they mourn her passing on December 8th. Pray they feel the Lord's close-abiding presence, walk in His comfort, and love, and know hope, joy, and peace in the sure and certain truth of the resurrection.
- Please pray for Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Her course of treatment has still not been determined and she has several doctors' appointments ahead of her. Pray for the healing hand of Jesus to be upon Erica & for her to respond well to her treatment. Pray for them to know the Lord's peace in this trial and for them to fully feel His love, comfort, strength, and joy.
- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers as Julie continues her battle with ovarian cancer. Pray her January 5th scan will show the cancer is completely gone and that symptoms she has recently experienced are not due to progression of the cancer. Praise God Matt is doing very well. Pray for them all to know the Lord's peace, love, comfort, and strength in this trial.
- Praise God Rod Berg's September MRI at Mayo showed complete resolution of the lesions in his brain. Rod and Vicki are so grateful and are thanking Jesus for this awesome result. They want to thank each one of you for all your prayers. Rod will continue the infusion treatments monthly and return to Mayo in December for a brain MRI and re-evaluation.
- Please pray for Peggy's brother, Leroy Olesen, and his entire family to feel the Lord's comfort, peace, hope, and strength as they mourn the recent passing of his daughter, Jaden.
- Please continue to pray for Dan Daum's brother, Jim. The ablation surgeries he had recently have done little to diminish his back pain. Please pray for the Lord to sovereignly heal him and give him a new lease on life. Pray he would feel God's hand upon him throughout his recovery and would experience the Lord's love, peace, and joy in a powerful way.
- Thank you for your prayers for Peggy's mom and my mother-in-law, Phyllis Olesen. Her nausea, dizziness, and headaches have gone away. Please pray God would heal her of the sciatica pain in her left leg, restore

her to full health, and give her many good years ahead. Pray for her to feel the Lord's comforting presence in all of this.

- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike De Jager of the First Reformed Church in Platte. Please pray for the Lord to heal his spine and stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly and completely and for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him. Pray his next check-up would reveal his stem cell transplants are doing well and they wouldn't have to repeat the procedure.

He Shall Reign Forevermore

In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness frozen like a stone
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

Chorus: And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
Unto us a Child is born. The King of kings and Lord of lords
and He shall reign forevermore forevermore

If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd I would do my part
But poor as I am I will give to Him my heart

Chorus

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice, Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears the Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years Christ the Messiah

He shall reign forevermore forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

Chorus

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A Christmas Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world,
He has come! Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!
(repeat)

The heavens roar, the angels sing
All glory to our God and King! O night divine forevermore, alleluia!
(repeat)

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world,
He has come! Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!
You're the highest name of all alleluia

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Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know that your baby boy
would one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
would save our sons and daughters
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God

Oh Mary did you know? Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb and the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am. Oh Mary oh