



*Preparing for the Coming
of the King*

The
PRESENT
is His
PRESENCE

And she gave birth to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in swaddling cloths
and laid him in a manger
Luke 2:7



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2024

4:00 PM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

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.

Jeremiah & Tori Konechne family

Songs “O Come, O Come”

“Mary Did You Know”

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:

Psalm 19:1-10

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1 Peter 1:3-4

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Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-20

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Sermon **"The Present in His Presence"**

Give Thanks to God

Song **"O Holy Night"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Instructions for Lighting Candles

Candlelight Song **"Silent Night, Holy Night!"**

LBW 65

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Benediction

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!

Greeters Derek & Wendy Wollman

Ushers Jordan Konechne & Jaxen Wollman

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal, Scott Vanden Berge

No Sunday School or Confirmation on Sunday, December 29 for Christmas break. We will resume on January 5.

The Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew will not meet next Monday during Christmas break.

Join us this week to celebrate our Savior being born!

Christmas Morning Service 9:30 AM Wednesday, December 25th
with communion "What Do You Do with the Baby?"

New Hope Christian Camp will be having a winter day camp from December 30th-Jan. 2nd. Kids in grades 1st-5th will be able to attend. The cost is \$20 per day. To register go to newhopechristiancamp.org.

No Men's Bible Study this week. We'll pick back up in the new year on Saturday, January 4.

We continue to collect donated items you so generously give to the needy. We bring to so many places and everything is VERY appreciated. We are collecting winter clothes at this time as they don't have room to store a lot of things. **They are in need of good used towels, coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, shoes and boots.** Please put items in garbage bags and write on the outside of the bag what's inside if it's men's, women's, boys, girls, blankets, or misc. Devotional books are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at Gloria Kok or Shirley Johnson's garages. Please call ahead so we can be there when you stop. For questions on what to donate, call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388). Thanks again for all you donate to a worthy cause!

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Kory Meyerink & his loved ones in your prayers. Kory had back surgery in Sioux Falls on December 19th. Pray for his recovery & physical therapy to go well, for God to guard him from complications, infections, & sickness, & for his back pain to continue to diminish until it is completely gone. Pray this would give him a new lease on life & that he would know the Lord's love, peace, strength, & comfort throughout.
- Please keep Moe Johnson in your prayers. He is in Room 107 of the Platte Hospital recovering from pneumonia and trigeminal neuralgia, a very painful inflammation of the trigeminal nerve that causes excruciating shooting pains in the face and head. Pray for the healing hand of Jesus to be upon him and for Moe to feel Christ's close-abiding love, comfort, presence, and strength.
- Praise God Nancy & George Miller are dealing well with Nancy's health problem. Thank Him her stomach pain, which had been frequent early on is only, is only occasional now. Please pray the Lord will bless each day Nancy has left, that she will be without pain, & able to the end to love & communicate with George & her family & friends. Pray for Nancy, George, & their family to know the Lord's comfort, love, & strength throughout.
- Please continue to pray for Pearl Feiok as she recovers from sepsis. Pray the nausea will leave her, that God will heal her of all infection & restore her strength & energy levels. Pray she would know God's close-abiding presence, comfort, and peace throughout.
- Praise God Randy Foxley's knee continues to improve & physical therapy is going well. Please pray for his pain to diminish daily & for him to be able to sleep better. Pray Randy would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout his recovery.
- Please keep Jill DeWet in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless her in her final months of pregnancy with His protection, provision, & strength. Pray Jill, Jacques, & Maverick would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding & that this baby would be born healthy, strong, & full-term. Thank God for a very good report at her last doctor's appointment.

- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson. Pray God would drastically lower the number of his cancer markers, would stabilize his blood sugar levels, relieve the arthritic pain in his knee and the frequent pain in his stomach, & eradicate all cancer from Mike's body. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence.
- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers as Floyd recovers from surgery on Oct. 27th to repair a broken left femur. He is holding up well under Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy. Pray for relief from pain & for the ability to sleep well. Pray Karen recovers well from a recent bout of vertigo. Pray both Floyd & Karen would know the Lord's presence, walk in His love, and abide in His peace. He is in Room Number 17 at Avera Care Center in Platte.
- Please also pray for Karen Dimick's niece, Dana Hanson, who is hospitalized at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She has a tracheotomy and a breathing tube but is still unconscious. Pray, in Jesus's name, that He would awaken her from her coma, touch her with His healing hand, & restore her brain & any other part of her body that was affected.
- Please pray for Dave's & Peggy's new daughter-in-law, Koni, that her application for a visa into the U.S. would be expedited so she could soon join John in the U.S. Pray John's apartment in Pierre would provide a comfortable temporary home for them and for an affordable house to come on the market soon. Thank God that John seems to like his job & enjoys the people he's working with. Please pray he would enjoy his job more with each passing day.
- Please keep Pr. Mike DeJager from 1st Reformed Church in your prayers. He recently had another stem cell procedure for his neck in hopes of reducing the abnormal measurements even further. Praise God the procedure went well. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon Mike in his recovery and that his neck would be greatly improved by this procedure. Pray for Mike & his family to know the Lord's comfort & peace throughout.
- Please keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers as they search for a replacement for Pr. Dave Anderson. Pray God would make clear to the Call Committee exactly who they are to call, and that person would not only bless Calvary but would bless our entire community.

O Come, O Come

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny. From depths of hell Thy people save
and give them victory over the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!
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O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!
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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.

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?
This the sleeping Child you're holding, this Savior King you're holding,
this baby Boy you're holding is the Great I AM! He is the Great I AM!

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O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus: Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus O night, O night divine!

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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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