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# BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve



“A Gift For All”

# WELCOME TO BAYSHORE

## Prelude

Doug Brickett

Away in a Manger  
Still, Still, Still

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Emily, Aaron, Violet &  
Henry Scott

Reader One: In a moment our lessons will remind us that the people walking in darkness have seen a great light. We light these 4 candles mindful of the light of the hope that moves us; the joy that stirs us; the peace that stills us, and the love that leads us.

*The Advent Candles are lit.*

Reader Two: Luke writes: ...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."

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

Reader One: Let us rejoice in God's presence in a baby born in a stable. Let us bow our hearts to the one who lived as he died: arms stretched wide open.

**ALL: We sing tonight in hope, peace, joy, and love because unto us a child was born.**

## Welcome & Collect

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

*O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 683)

## † Hymn

#87 Joy to the World

Congregation

† **Gospel Lesson**  
Luke 2:1-14 (p. 1014)

Dina Marshall

**Sermon for All Ages**

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

“The Greatest Gift”

*All children are invited to come to the front.*

† **Hymn**  
#118 What Child Is This

Congregation

**Cooperative Offering Presentation**

Jordan Rivait

**Offering for Global Missions**

**Musical Reflection**

Cecelia Stearman  
& Julie Webb

“He Shall Feed his Flock” &

“Come Unto Him” from Handel’s *Messiah*

**Offertory**

Bayshore Choir

Carol of Christmas

† **Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace;  
Praise God for gifts of Joy and love;  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell;  
On Earth for us — Emmanuel! Amen!

(Sung to the tune on p. 253)

**The Ordinance of Holy Communion**

Rev. Sara Hunt-Felke

**Recession and Candle Lighting**

† **Silent Night, Holy Night**

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.



**OFFERING FOR  
GLOBAL MISSIONS**

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**BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS**

100% of your gift to Global Missions this evening will support our CBF field personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world. When you give, your gift supports the work of more than 50 field personnel in 18 countries as they bear witness to Jesus Christ, cultivate beloved community, and seek transformational development among people & places otherwise forgotten and forsaken by the world.

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**Paul & Vera Allyn**  
*Tom & Janet Allyn*

**Frank Bennett**  
*Katie Daniel*

**David Bennett**  
*Katie Daniel*

**Dora Jane Bowles**  
*Nate & Shali Brand*

**Phyllis Boyles**  
*Kelley Rose*

**Richard Caridi**  
*Alaina Mirabal*

**Derrell Cook**  
*Gordon Hewlett*

**Sue Daniel**  
*Katie Daniel*

**Ken Daniel**  
*Katie Daniel*

**Roger Day**  
*Kelley Rose*

**Tom Day**  
*Kelley Rose*

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