
BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve



"God Is With Us", Hanna Varghese. Acrylic on canvas . (Malaysia 2006)

God's Surprising Gift



WELCOME TO BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Prelude

Doug Brickett

O Little Town of Bethlehem, *arr. Dennis Janzer*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Chris, Britt, Braelon, Eldon &
Avonlea Kravitz

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

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.

Musical Reflection

Chancel Choir

"Carol of the Star"

Lessons

Lisa Lekarczyk

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 683)

Luke 2:1-14 (p. 1014)

†Hymn

Congregation

#93 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Sermon for All Ages

Rev. Chris Kravitz

"God's Surprising 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

*100% of your gift to Global Missions this evening will support
our CBF field personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world.*

Musical Reflection and Offertory

"He Shall Feed his Flock" &
"Come Unto Him" from Handel's *Messiah*

Cecelia Stearman
& Julie Webb

† **Doxology**

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

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.

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.
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.

2024 CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARY DEDICATIONS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Carolyn Burrell

John Burrell

Derrell Cook

Gordon Hewlett

**His Excellency Larry "Key" Dillon II,
Chief of the Siwanoy Nation**

Robert & Chrissy Kohler

Christine and James Ford

Jane Ford

Lucy and John Gill

Jane Ford

Tommy Gill

Jane Ford

Faye Hewlett

Gordon Hewlett

Harrison (Harry) Hickinbotham

Sharon Hickinbotham

John and Geneva Hickinbotham

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Robert and Chrissy Koehler

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Carolyn Strange

Jane Ford

A.C. and Neta Younglove

Sharon Hickinbotham

IN HONOR OF:

The LOFT Youth Group

Robert and Chrissy Koehler