



What Child
is This?

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2020 6:00pm

Prelude:

Mim Ernst

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Saylor Family

Call to Worship (responsively):

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

People: Praise be to God who has heard our cries!

Leader: Our souls sing out God's praise!

People: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace

Leader: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

People: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. AMEN.

God's Greeting

Scripture:

Revelation 1:4-5

Song:

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #187 v. 1&2

Reflection

The Christmas Plot Unfolds

Scripture:

Genesis 3:8-15

Carol:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #191 v. 1&3

Reflection

The Promise to Abraham

Scripture:

Genesis 22:15-18

Carol:

"The God of Abraham Praise" #21

Reflection

The Sign

Scripture:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Carol:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #186 v. 1,2&4

Reflection

The King

Scripture (read responsively):

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

People: For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Leader: Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Special Music:

“O Holy Night” Children’s Bell Choir

Reflection

In Bethlehem

Scripture:

Micah 5:2-5a

Carol:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #200 v. 1,2&4
(Ladies on 1st verse, Men on 2nd verse, All on 4th verse)

Reflection

The Angel’s Visit

Scripture:

Luke 1:26-38

Special Music:

“Mary, Did You Know?” Heidi Saylor

Reflection

The Savior’s Birth

Scripture:

Luke 2:1-7

Song:

“What Child Is This?” #202

Reflection

The Visitors

Scripture:

Luke 2:8-16

Carol:

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”
#197 v. 1,2,&5

Reflection

Scripture:

Matthew 2:1-12

Carol:

“Silent Night” #189

Reflection

The Word Became Flesh

Scripture:

John 1:1-14

Carol:

“Joy to the World” #194 v. 1,2,&3

Reflection

Closing Prayer (in unison):

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN

Carol:

“Joy to the World” v. 4

Benediction

Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born. Let All Christians Rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the service tonight!

As you leave tonight, may God’s love and light surround you and richly bless you.