

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2007

Prelude Sandra Howard

Responsive Reading Carole Bryden
Pat Heath
Preston Luman
Vicki Luman

Lighting the Christ Candle

Christ Candle Litany *(to be read in unison as the Christ Candle is lit)*

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear for me,
God's work to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me.
Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Greeting of Guests

Hymn # 85 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 Robert Weathers

Hymn # 86 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

Message "Meet Balthasar" Bill Lacy

The Lord's Supper

Hymn # 81 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

The Light of Christmas

(As we sing, everyone is invited to encircle the sanctuary as the light from the Christ Candle is spread from person to person to fill the darkness of the sanctuary with the light of Christ.)

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,
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.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.



Bill Lacy

Tom Howard

Kay McWatters

Janice Jackson

Charlie Clark

Bobbie Taylor

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