LET THE LIGHT OF JESUS SHINE!



2012 Children's Christmas Eve Program St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA Pastor Dave Naumann Director Desirae Naumann Organist Sue Martin

> Pre-service Solo "O Holy Night" sung by Talitha Jensen

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Processional Hymn....."Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

1)Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing; Come, see in the manger our Savior and King! (Refrain:)To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2) True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies; To be born of a virgin He doth not despise. (Refrain)

3)To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth Be glory and honor through heaven and earth, True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word! Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Call to Worship ...

Responsive Reading

- P: When the time was fully come, God sent forth His Son.
- C: Jesus was born to be our Redeemer
- P: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
- C: We have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.
- P: No one has ever seen God
- C: but we have seen Jesus, full of grace and truth.
- P: He is the very image of God
- C: All the fullness of God dwells in Him bodily.
- P: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- C: Let us go and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

Prayer

Pastor's Message - Isaiah 60:1

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you."



From Heaven Above" Congregation

From heav'n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev'ry home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:

"To you this night is born a Child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little Child of lowly birth, Shall be the Joy of all the earth!

This is the Christ our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

"LET THE LIGHT OF JESUS SHINE!"

I. The Light of Jesus is foretold

Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! For the Promise first was given After Eve and Adam sinned, in the Garden of Eden

Ben And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! For the years that onward speed, Plainer

now the plan unfolding: One would come from Abram's seed.

Olivia "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:3

Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! Let it shine bright and clear. For the later Christmas promise, Of the star that would appear:

- Ben "A Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel." Numbers 24:17
- Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! Still more brightly let it shine For the prophecy foretelling, Christ would spring from David's line.

Away in a Manger Children



..... Children Becca & Talitha

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where He lay. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care And take us to heav-en, to live with Thee there. "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....Congregation

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy darkness shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!



II. "JESUS THE LIGHT IS BORN!"

(Luke 2:1-20) A Congregational Reading of the account of our Savior's Birth

All And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

- **Pastor** Let the light of Jesus shine! For more light upon this earth; In a Christmas promise telling, Of a Child of virgin-birth:
- Olivia "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14
- Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! For He comes from Jesse's stem, For the prophet's plainer message Of the Babe of Bethlehem:
- Ben "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2
- Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! That will brighter yet appear Telling of the joyous message, That the Savior now is here:
- Olivia "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you!" Zechariah 9:9
- Pastor Let the light of Jesus shine! Brighter let it shine still more. Hear the angel telling Joseph, Christ the Lord is at the door:
- All "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Women And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Men "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

Women "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Men "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

All And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".....Congregation

1) Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

2) Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th' incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

3) Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He leaves His throne on high, Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"



III. SHINE, JESUS, SHINE The Lighting of the GRACE Candle

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace." John 1:14, 16

The Lighting of the LOVE Candle

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 1 John 4:9

The Lighting of the PEACE Candle

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

The Lighting of the JOY Candle

"And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." Romans 5:11

The Lighting of the HOPE Candle

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men ...the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:11,13,14

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"...... Middle School, High School & College Choir

1)Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain:)
Shine Jesus shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word Lord, and let there be light.
2) Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.

Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me! Refrain

3) As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me! Refrain

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING

The ushers will assist in lighting individual candles.

Taia and Trinity:

"Light a candle now for Jesus, Light a light most bright and clear, Light a light that shines most glorious For the Savior now is here."



Hymn by Candle light: "Silent Night"Congregation1) 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.

2) Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

3) 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!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD



The Offering Anthem: "The Little Drummer Boy" Sung by Joe, Tom, Sam Naumann. Drum - Ben Naumann

During the anthem, the ushers will pass the offering plates.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER – (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (AII)

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 and ever, Amen.



Benediction

Closing Hymn"Joy to the World!"



Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart -- Prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, ", ".

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, ", ".

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of -- His righteousness, And wonders of His love, "," Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL who are present this evening! May the joy of the Good News of our Savior's birth remain in your hearts and lives throughout the coming new year.

TONIGHT'S PARTICIPANTS

Olivia Hocum, Ben Naumann, Taia Smith, Trinity Smith. **THANK YOU!** to our children and all involved this evening for bringing to us the Good News of God's great gift to all of mankind; His Son, our LORD, Jesus Christ.

YOU ARE INVITED to continue your Christmas worship with us tomorrow morning in our **Christmas Song Service** at 11:00 a.m. After opening the presents under the tree at home, let your heart tell of it's joy in the greatest Present of all by coming here to worship and praise the Savior of the world through many familiar Christmas hymns and songs.

FOLLOWING SERVICE Please remain seated so that treats bags may be given to all the children attending tonight.



JOHN 3:16



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."