

Special Music

Shirley Moser

RESPONSIVE READING

Rodney Oakes

Leader: *Blessed is Jesus, born a tiny baby in a manger.*

Congregation: *Let heaven and earth rejoice and be glad!*

Leader: *Jesus, was born of Mary, yet is truly Son of God.*

Congregation: *Let heaven and earth rejoice and be glad!*

Leader: *Jesus, came to save us.*

Congregation: *Let heaven and earth rejoice and be glad!*

Leader: *Tonight our Lord Jesus lives within us.*

Congregation: *Let heaven and earth rejoice and be glad!*

Unison: *Amen.*



Special Music

“Mary Did You Know?”

*Karen Muse &
Jim Ashbrook*

Communion Hymn #148

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Marcia Moser

THE LORD’S TABLE

(All those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord & Savior are invited to participate in this meal remembering and reflecting on God’s love for us and our love for God.)

Elders at the Lord’s Table — *Jim Tackett & Gerry Musterman*

The method of intinction will be used during this communion service. Please come down the center aisles of the Sanctuary to the Lord’s Table, take the bread and wine. Then pick up your light and proceed back the outside aisles and begin to make a circle around the outside of the pews.

A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Elder Jim Tackett will light his candle first and then everyone will continue to do so until all our individual candles light up our circle of love.

Closing Hymn

“Silent Night”

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Benediction

Jim Ashbrook

*May God Bless You and Give You Hope, Joy, Peace, & Love
This Christmas and All the Year to Come.*

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Thursday, 11:00 PM

December 24, 2009

Joe Altman Sr. Minister
Doug Couch Interim Pastor
Jim Ashbrook Minister of Music
Marcia Moser Organist
Celia Borges Pianist



Prelude
Welcome

Marcia Moser
Lonnie Lawson

Lighting of Advent Candle 5

The Birth of Christ

Jim & Lynn Ashbrook

RESPONSIVE READING **Lonnie Lawson**

Leader: *Tonight the promise of God comes to life. The promise of God is fulfilled in Jesus.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest!*
Leader: *Our candles remind us that God's Word is a light unto our path. Thank God that His Word is a lamp unto our feet.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest!*
Leader: *The Light of the World is Jesus.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest!*
Leader: *This light from God, is a light for all people to see and experience.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest!*
Leader: *This light from God, warms our hearts to share the love of God.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest!*
Leader: *Tonight, let each one of us come alive in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*
Congregation: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.*
Unison: *Amen.*

Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

Amy Barnett

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

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.

Of the increase 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.

Hymn

"There's a Song in the Air"

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Titus 2:11-14

Sandy Schuldheisz

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Matthew 1:18-25

Judy Phillippi

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.