

GATHER

Welcome

Call to Worship

As we gather for worship tonight on this Christmas eve, we proclaim;

Glory to God in the highest!

As we sing the good news of Christ's birth, we proclaim;

Glory to God in the highest!

As we sing of the great joy for all people, we proclaim;

Glory to God in the highest!

As we sing of a baby lying in a manger who is Christ the Lord, we proclaim;

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased!

SONG: *O Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel*



IN THE BEGINNING

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1, 26-31

SONG: *Come, O Redeemer Come*

THE FALL

The Second Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

We light a candle of hope:

Hope for ourselves, and for God's beloved world.

SONG: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

WALKING IN DARKNESS

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2

SONG: *The First Noel*



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THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:6-7

We light a candle of love:

The promise of God's love for us, and for all creation.

SONG: *What Child Is This?*

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

We light a candle of joy:

Joy to the world, and within our whole being.

SONG: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

We light a candle of peace:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.



SONG: *The Coventry Carol*

Meditation

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Sixth Lesson

John 1:1-14

And now the hour has come and the season is fulfilled.

We light the Christ candle:

The light of the world, the light of possibility. Amen.



SONG: *O Holy Night*

Christmas Prayer

God and Father of Jesus,
you have sent your Son to be our Savior:
our light in the midst of darkness,
our hope in the face of threats,
our peace amid turmoil.
In your Word
we have seen him
and know that your promises are true.
Send us out tonight from this place of worship
to live in hope and peace,
until we gather again at his table.
This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Lord. AMEN.

SEND

Benediction

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the gospel of Peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, now and forever. Amen.

SONG: *Silent Night* (hymnal 344)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!

[Please extinguish candles and feel free to take the candle home with you.]



Pleasant Street
Christian Reformed Church
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2025 ~ 6:00pm



"Holy Spirit, Present this Advent"
A service of Lessons, Carols and Prayers