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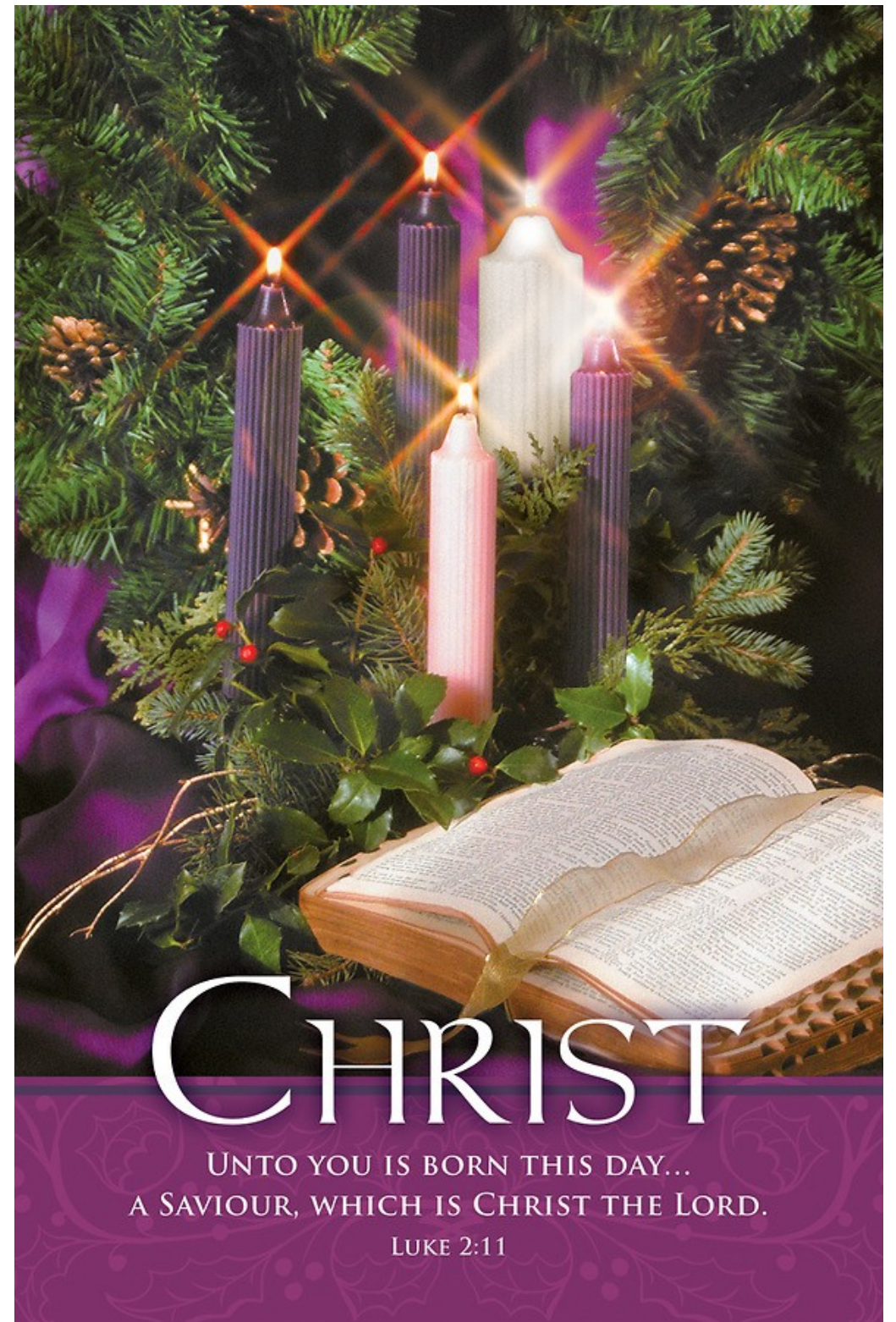
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**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2020—7:00 P.M.**

*\*Denotes "Those who are able may stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Various Christmas Selections* Rose Abernethy, Harpist

**WELCOME** Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

**PRELUDES** *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" & "Still, Still, Still"*  
both by Daniel Burton/Rose Abernethy, Harpist

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Peggy Stout  
All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, light in the darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels let us praise your name and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* Choral Ensemble

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Duane & Kathy Alexander  
The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light — a light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh.



*We wish all of  
you a blessed  
Christmas!*



The **CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED** tomorrow and Monday for Christmas! Enjoy this time with your family and friends!

Next Sunday, December 27, we will hold our regular Traditional Worship in the LEC at 10:30am!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are available for pick-up at the Church Office. If you would like them to be left out somewhere for you to pick-up at your convenience, please contact Tamara as soon as possible. We also have the NEW Upper Room books and Sunday School Literature in the office. Thank you!

During this Advent season, we have watched and waited for the Christ child. This great light has come into the world and through Him, we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. We rejoice with the angels and all of creation at the birth of Jesus our Savior—the light of the world.

*(Please light the candle.)*

Let us pray:

***O Glorious God, you sent your Son into the world to show us who you are. In Christ we find love, compassion, forgiveness, peace, and hope. Thanks for touching us and all of heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world may your peace and hope dwell. In every corner of our hearts and lives may your light shine for the world to see you. Amen.***

PIANO MEDITATION

Marty Light *(recording)*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who are confirmed or have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Ours is an open table.)*

**Invitation**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**The Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Communion**


**Sharing of the Bread**

**Sharing of the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, mercifully redeemed us, and fed us at your table. Give us grace, that in everything, we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works as a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *(Harp Solo)* “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
by Daniel Burton/Rose Abernethy, Harpist



We would like to say a very special **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated Money to Carolina Caring (Hospice) this year, in lieu of **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**.

We collected **\$ 180.00!!**  
*(An insert will be included in this Sunday's bulletin with all of the names. Please be on the look-out.)*



**THE BIRTH STORY OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

**THE PROPHECY**

**SCRIPTURE #1:** Isaiah 9:2-7 Duane Alexander  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”  
by Vajada/Courtney—Marty & Kellie Light *(Duet recording)*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SCRIPTURE #2:** Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Peggy Stout  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Choral Ensemble

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**SCRIPTURE #3:** Luke 2:1-7 Kathy Alexander  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** “O Holy Night” Dawn Kilby *(Solo recording)*

**THE SHEPHERDS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

**SCRIPTURE #4:** Luke 2:8-14 Duane Alexander  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** “By Candlelight” Shuford & Jayne Abernethy  
*(Duet recording)*

**THE SHEPHERDS VISIT WITH BABY JESUS**

**SCRIPTURE #5:** Luke 2:15-20 Rev. Peggy Stout  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** “The Wonder of the Gift” Choral Ensemble

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING** Rev. Peggy Stout

**THE SERVICE OF CANDLE-LIGHTING**

**Explanation of the Candle-Lighting**

(The pastor will light her candle from the Christ Candle. She will then pass her light to the ushers. The ushers will move down the aisles lighting the candles of the persons on the end of each pew. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to them. When all candles are lit, we will sing together, “Silent Night.” Please do not tip your candle.)

**\*HYMN SING** “Silent Night, Holy Night” *(see insert)*  
(The song “Peace, Peace” will be played until all candles are lit and then we’ll join in singing “Silent Night.” On the last verse, please hold up your candles.)

**\*SCRIPTURE** John 1:14 Rev. Peggy Stout

**\*THE CANDLES ARE EXINGUISHED**  
*(Please blow softly on your candle and hold your candle upright until the hot wax settles.)*

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

**\*POSTLUDE** Marty Light *(recording)*

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**THIS EVENING’S OFFERING** will be received in offering plates at the rear of the church as you enter or leave the sanctuary. All monies collected will be divided between the UCC denominational Christmas Fund and Trinity Reformed UCC ministries. The offering tonight will be dedicated during the service.

**NOTE:** *Please do not blow out the candles in the candelabras along the aisles or the window candles.* The Board of Worship will do this in an attempt to avoid excess candle spray to the sides of the containers. Also, when you extinguish your candle, please blow softly to avoid candle wax spray and wait until the wax cools before setting your candle down. We want to take care of our pew covers. *Thank you.*

