The image features three lit white candles against a dark blue background. The candles are arranged in a cluster, with two in the foreground and one slightly behind them. Their flames are bright and yellow-orange, casting a soft glow. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*Silent
Night*

*Holy
Night*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

***Please stand if able**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

***Hymn #283** *"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"* (Vs. 1,2)

- 1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the king of angels:**

Refrain:

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

- 2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain)**

***CHRISTMAS DIALOG (P=Pastor, C=Congregation)**

P In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C The light shines in the darkness, -- and the darkness did not overcome it.

P Those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

C We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
Full of grace and truth.

P For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P Christ is born; salvation has appeared.

C Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

***Hymn** **#283 “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful” (Vs. 3,4)**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest:**

Refrain:

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord!**

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:**

Refrain:

**Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord!**

***PRAYER (Congregation will join in)**

O loving God, you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light. Turn our thoughts toward Bethlehem and the Christ Child. May the words of Scripture remind us again that the old story is ever so new. May the carols reveal to us again the wonder and mystery of His birth. May the candles symbolize for us your Son as the Light of the world. Come Lord Jesus. Be born in us today. AMEN

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN #270

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" (Vs. 1,3)

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the sun of
righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

HYMN #282

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (Vs. 1,3,4)

1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

3. And you, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending
low,

Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours, Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years, Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth, It's ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song, Which now the angels sing.

***GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20**

SERMON:

"O Holy Night"

THE OFFERING

***HYMN #289**

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

- 1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plain,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains,
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo**
- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly son?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo**
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King,
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

***PRAYERS**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence)

P For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

P For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

P For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

P Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the World, we commend all for whom we pray.

C Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastor: “Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...and nations shall come to your Light. Jesus said, ‘I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.’ “You are the light of the world...let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

(Pastor then gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes it on. The lighted candle is never tilted

but is always held upright when giving light to another. Please extinguish your candle when you see the Pastor extinguish his.)

***HYMN #281**

"*Silent Night*" (Vs. 1,2,3)

- 1. 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 your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

***BLESSING**

P The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia.

C Amen.

***HYMN**

#267 "Joy To the World"

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace

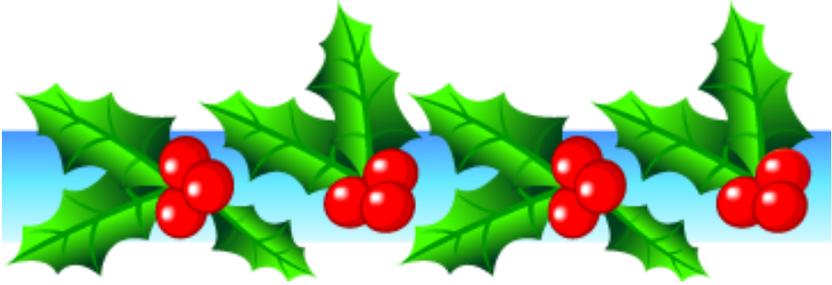
And makes the nation's prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

***CHURCH BELL**

***POSTLUDE**

Merry Christmas





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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance