



ANDERSON GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12005 S 36th Street
Bellevue, NE 68123-1216
December 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Belinda Harrison

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

All: Come let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!

*A CAROL "O Come All Ye Faithful" #41

Welcome and News of the Church

Greeting Time

A Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit in the splendor of eternal light. God forever and ever. Amen.

HIS COMING FORETOLD

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 555)

*A CAROL "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1 & 3) #9

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE Luke 2:1-20 (p. 832)

*A CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1 & 3) #44

The Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you have shown your great love for your children by using commonplace things for your purpose—water to mark your children, bread and wine to feed and nourish us ordinary people to be disciples, a child in a manger to announce your grace. Take these commonplace things, these gifts of paper and metal and the lives that stand behind them. Bless and use them to proclaim your gracious love, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER CHURCH

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Holy Night"

THE STORY OF THE INCARNATION John 1:1-5; 14-18 (p. 862)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*A CAROL *"Joy to the World"* (v. 1 & 4) #40

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"The Point" Dr. Kirk A. Ryckman

*A CAROL *"Silent Night"* #60

THE LITANY OF THE LIGHT/BENEDICTION

Leader: The prophet Isaiah foretold, "That people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." When the prophet Simeon first saw the Christ-child, he proclaimed the child, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

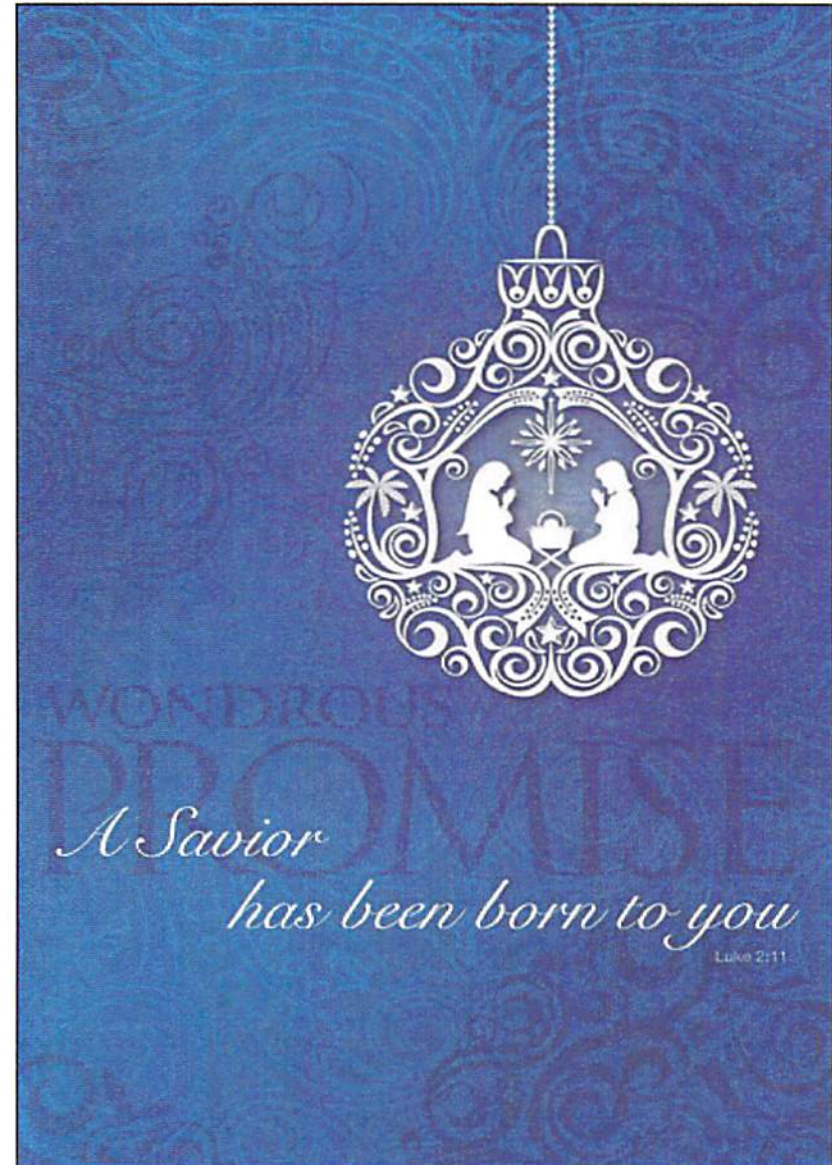
People: The light has been revealed to us. In Christ we have seen and believed God's promises for us.

Leader: To those who have seen and believed, Jesus said: "You are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

People: The time for simply looking at the light is past. The time for being the light is now present. Let us go forth from this point filled with the power of God that now burns within us.

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Spirit burn within us and light the way. Amen.

*POSTLUDE



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Christmas Eve Service

Pastor Kirk A. Ryckman