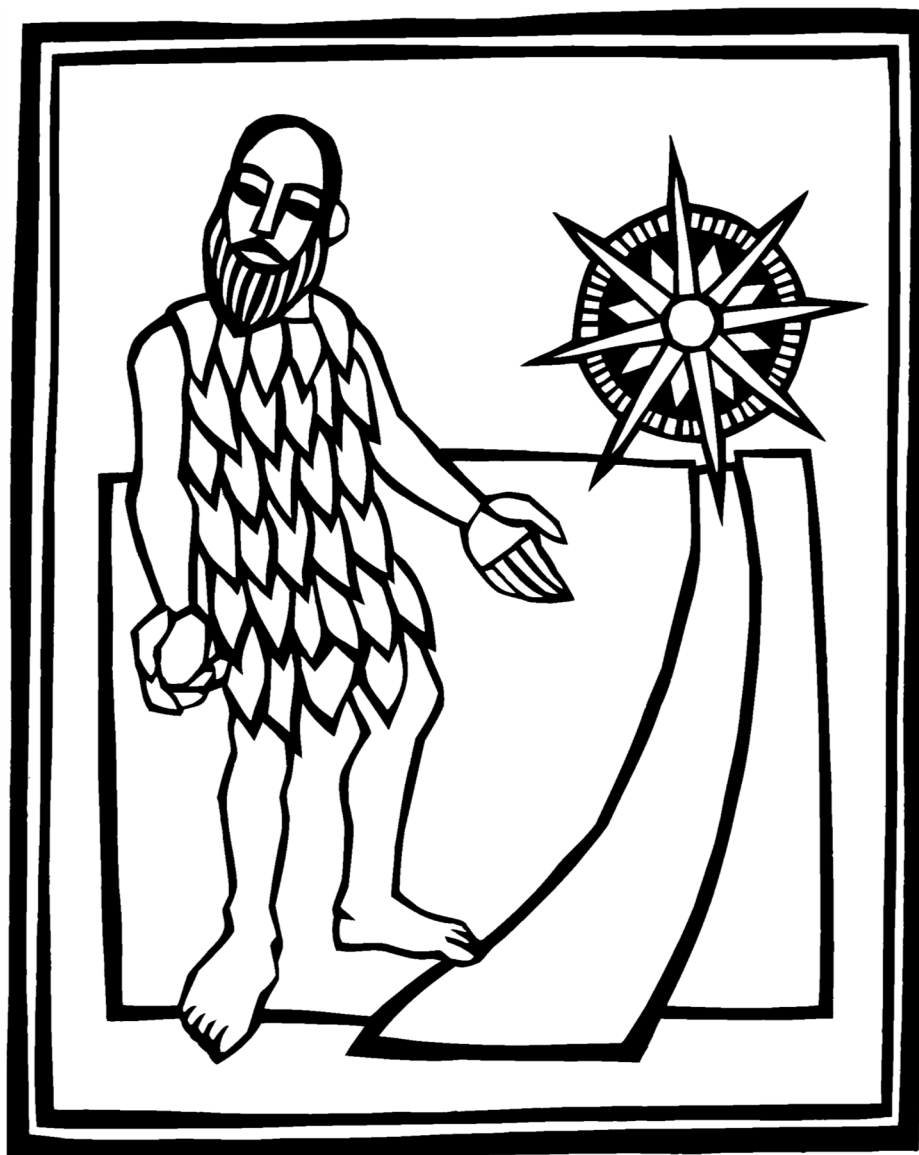


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" - setting by Anne Krentz Organ**  
*Lois Theesfield, piano*

## Welcome

### WARM THE TIME OF WINTER

Hymn text: Ruth Duck

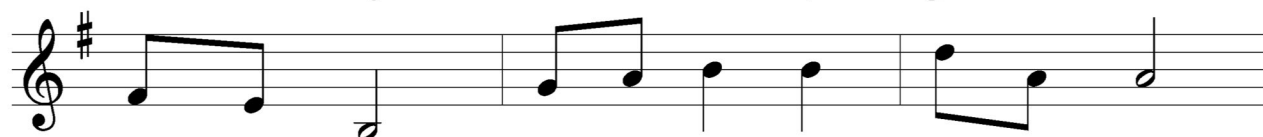
Gathering Rite

Music: Lori True

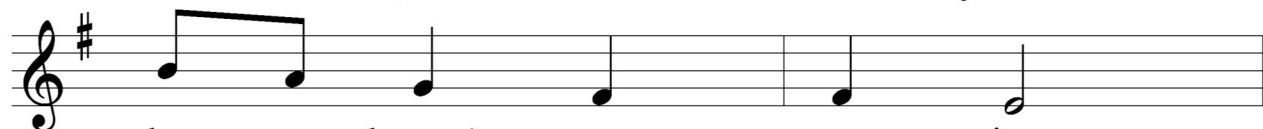
#### 1. Gathering Song



1. When the wind of win - ter blows, bring - ing times of  
2. When we shiv - er in des - pair, when the chill of  
3. When in days of fall - en snow, change con - founds or



sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;  
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,  
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise

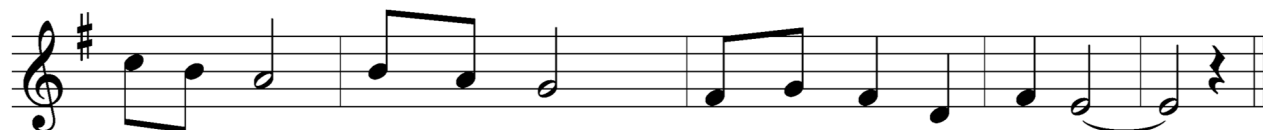


be our hearts' com - pas - sion.  
while the eve - ning deep - ens.  
phoe - nix of our grow - ing.

#### Refrain



Ho - ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win - ter.



Ho - ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win - ter.

*Repeat  
refrain  
last time  
only*

## 2. Penitential Rite

Text of verses for Penitential  
Rite and Music: Lori True

*Priest: (spoken over introduction)* As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

### Introduction

Em D/E C/E D/E

*C Instrument*

*mf*

*mf*

*simile*

Em D/E A Bm

*Priest/Cantor*

1. You

→

Verses

9

Em D/E C/E D/E

came as a child of Beth - le - hem 7 to  
 (2.) come as the Son of Mar - y, 7 Em-  
 (3.) come in glo - ry as God's own Son, with sal-

*simile*

13

Em D/E A

gath - er us in - to the peace of your king - dom  
 man - u - el, God with us  
 va - tion for all your peo - ple

17

Am Em/G D/F# Bm7 D/A A

*f Cantor*

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*f*

21 *All* F Cmaj<sup>7</sup> D/F<sup>♯</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup>

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

25 1., 2. 3. Am Em/G  
*C Instrument*

2. You —  
 3. You will

*Priest: (spoken) May almighty God have mercy on us,*

29 D/F<sup>♯</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup> rit. D Em

*mf*

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. *All: Amen.*

*mf rit.*

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Advent Candle Lighting: “People Look East” ELW #248, verse 3

3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
bowl shall brim, shin-ing be-yond the frost-y weath-er,  
bright as sun and moon to-geth-er. Peo-ple, look  
east, and sing to-day— Love, the Star, is on the way.

## Children’s Message

### Gospel Acclamation: “Prepare the Royal Highway” ELW #264, verse 1

1 Pre-pare the roy-al high-way; the King of kings is near!  
Let ev-ry hill and val-ley a lev-el road ap-pear!  
Then greet the King of glo-ry, fore-told in sa-cred sto-ry:  
*Refrain*  
Ho-san-na to the Lord, for he ful-fills God’s word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## **Sunday School Kids' Presentation**

*Adapted from "A Rehearsal Free Christmas Pageant: An Intergenerational Worship Service for Christmas" by  
rfour.org*

*Narrators: Becker DeVos  
Danny Golden  
Elsie Sorem  
Zach Wiersen*

### ***This Little Light of Mine - KIDS ONLY***

#### ***O Little Town of Bethlehem - verses 1, 2 - ALL***

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light:  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep,  
the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.*

### ***Away in a Manger - KIDS ONLY***

#### ***Hark the Herald Angels Sing - ALL***

*Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*



**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Son 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 the sons of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful - ALL**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)**

### **Go Tell it on the Mountain - KIDS ONLY**

#### **Joy to the World - ALL**

**Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his right-eous-ness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Thank you to all our young people and their leaders for guiding us  
through the Christmas story today!*



## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

## **THE MEAL**

### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"Savior of the Nations Come"* - Cathy Moglebust  
*Memorial Handbells*

### **Offering Prayer**

**Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** - arr. Cynthia I Gonzales, Ph.D., Music Director at First Lutheran Church—San Marcos, TX

Leader Congregation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Leader Congregation

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Congregation

Let us give thanks to the Lord, to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Eucharistic Prayer

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. In ancient times God also led the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The priests of old also kept a perpetual fire burning in the Temple to remind us that God is a light who cannot be extinguished.

Finally Jesus, the Word, who was with God since the beginning of creation, became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory shining in our world, full of grace and truth. Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. This same light has commanded us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but to put it on a lamp stand so that everyone can see it. With our lights burning brightly, we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed  
is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Communion Hymns:** *"Lamb of God" - arr. Pastor David Eck,*  
*Abiding Savior Lutheran Church*  
*"There is a Longing in Our Hearts" ACS #1078*  
*"Wait for the Lord" ELW #262*

### Lamb of God



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give\_ us your  
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive\_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-  
joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra-el.

# There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain — All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain*

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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# Wait for the Lord

## Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## Verses sung by soloist:

- 1 Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God. **Refrain.**
- 2 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. **Refrain.**
- 3 All the earth will see the Lord. **Refrain.**
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always, God is at hand. **Refrain.**
- 5 Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find. **Refrain.**

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## Prayer After Communion

Faithful God,  
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.  
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.  
Guide us toward your promised future,  
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

God the eternal Word,  
who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
+ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "He Came Down" ELW #253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light;      hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN. Cameroon traditional

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" - setting by Aaron David Miller  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke*

*Prayers for Betty Davis, Dan Bappe, and Shari Dobson  
following the death of their brother Larry Bappe*

*Prayers for the family of Rev. Don Rothweiler following his death*

*Prayers for Teresa Krebs and family and friends  
following the death of Teresa's husband, Kim Krebs*

*Prayers for Dustin, Jackson, and Vanessa Reid  
following the death of Dustin's wife, Cari Bauman*

Nancy Greiner  
*mother of Sandy Hecht*

Jean Smith

Nan Jungst

Ken Borwick

Maddie Dunham

Judy Johnson

Annette Dalthorp

Ellie Lynch

Ernie Ruhde

Sierra Parr  
*cousin of Kim Stieler*

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jim Dalthorp

Connie Krupp

Randy Matthews  
*friend of Mike Coverdale*

Family and friends of  
+Max Carey  
*friend of Mike Coverdale*

Connie Robinson  
*sister of Shirley Klonglan*

Jackie Byers  
*daughter of Shellie Black*

Cassie Harrell

Donna See

Katie Brockmeier  
*granddaughter-in-law of Ruth  
Brockmeier*

Norma Dannan  
*friend of Betty Runge*

Michael Neal

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

Sheila Collingwood  
*mother of Lyndsey  
De Vos*

Judy Coverdale

Family and friends of  
+James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

## Announcements

### **Blue Christmas Service this afternoon at 2:00pm**

For many people, the holidays are an incredibly difficult time of year. Come as you are to join us in a time of prayer and remembrance as we seek God's comfort in the midst of loss of any kind.

### **Sunday School Announcement**

This Sunday, December 11th, our Sunday School kids will present a special Christmas program during the usual 9:00am worship. **Please note** that this will be our last Sunday School of 2022; we will resume with our normal Sunday School schedule on January 8th.

### **Food at First Volunteers Needed**

The last 5th Thursday of the year is this month on December 29th. We are serving and packaging the meals on Thursday the 29th from 3:30 to 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church in Nevada. We will also prepare the ingredients the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 27th in the Memorial Lutheran kitchen with time TBD. If you are able to help with either of these dates, that would be wonderful!

### **It's that time of year - Poinsettias!**

From now until December 18th you may order poinsettias. You may designate your poinsettia in honor of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or simply just because! The poinsettias are scheduled to arrive for our Christmas Eve worship services and may be taken home following the 9 AM worship service on Christmas Day. Please fill out an order form in the Narthex or contact the church office if you would like to place an order (suggested donation of \$8 per poinsettia).

### **Faith Time Christmas Party**

All ages are invited for pizza and fun Christmas activities this Wednesday, December 14th. Pizza will be available beginning at 5:00pm. There will be games, ornament making, and plenty of laughter!

### **Christmas Vespers Concert - "Thy Perfect Love"**

Memorial's beloved handbell, choral, and instrumental concert returns LIVE for the first time since 2019! Gather your family and friends and join us for an evening of music from Memorial musicians and special guests on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00pm.

### **Lock-in with Lakeside**

Join Lutheran Lakeside Camp staff for an exciting night of staying up late with friends from camp! Campers will enjoy games, worship, songs, crafts, food, and a service project! Register at [lutheranlakeside.com/events](https://lutheranlakeside.com/events)





**When:** January 27—28, 2023, 7pm—7am

**Where:** St. John Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA

**Who:** 6th—9th graders

**Cost:** \$25 per person

### **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code. **You can now begin giving to MLC's "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" project!**



Other ways you can give your offering include:

- Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA or 401k.
- Mail your offering to us at 701 11th Street, Nevada, IA 50201
- Drop your offering off at the church office

Thank you for your generosity!

### *Save the Date*

#### **Faith Time Christmas Party**

When: Wednesday, December 14th, 5:00pm

#### **Synod-wide Online Worship Service**

*The Synod's special service will be available on our YouTube and Facebook pages beginning at 9:00am on Sunday, January 1st. There will be no in-person or livestreamed worship at Memorial.*

When: Sunday, January 1st, 2023, 9:00am



# *Christmas at Memorial*

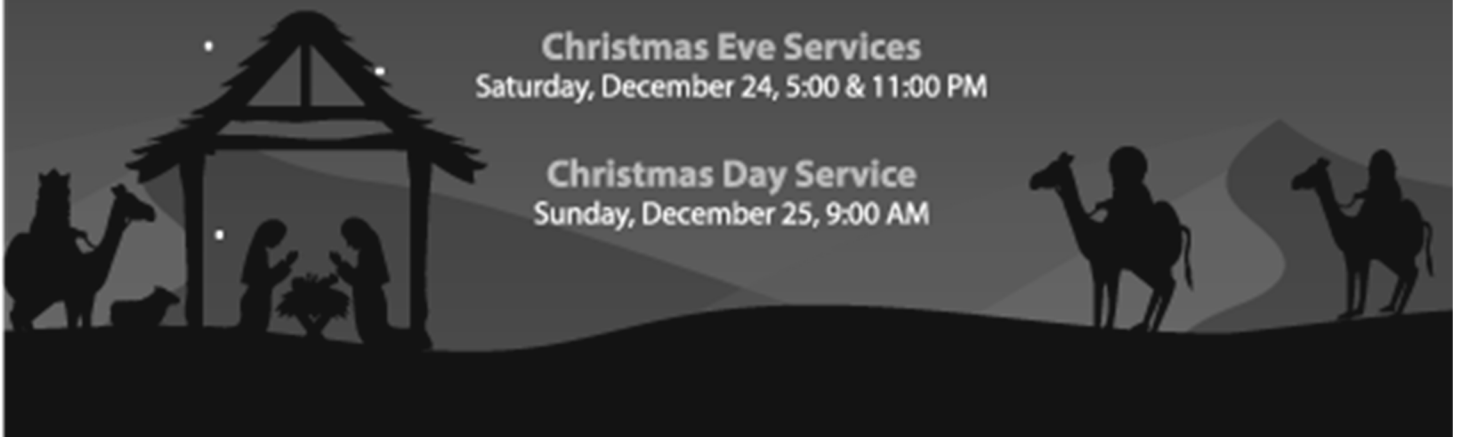
**Children's Christmas Presentation**  
Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM worship service

**Blue Christmas Service**  
Sunday, December 11, 2:00 PM

**Vespers Concert - "Thy Perfect Love"**  
Sunday, December 18, 7:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Services**  
Saturday, December 24, 5:00 & 11:00 PM

**Christmas Day Service**  
Sunday, December 25, 9:00 AM





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