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Christmas Eve

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## Christmas Evening Candlelight Service

Welcome

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle for Advent.

Advent Season had 4 messages based on Christmas cards that got mailed out to many of you. Tonight we will sing songs and bring them all together as a Christmas message of Wisdom, God's Grace, the name Jesus, and O' Holy Night!

### Hymn 288 – We Three Kings –

Scripture Reading: Mathew 2:1-7 - The wise still seek him. We seek because life without God as a part of it disappointing just like opening the last present. His Gift is eternal life. The Magi, or Wisemen came from the east at just the right time after waiting centuries. They brought gifts of which we just sang. The free gift of salvation cost God everything and us only a humbleness of heart to receive it.

### Hymn 251 – It came upon a midnight clear -

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:4-11 - God has done for us what we could not do for ourselves. The Holy Laws of God, which are written on the hearts of those who love truth and righteousness create a standard by which us can never fully measure up to. So God sent his only son, so that those who believe on him will be saved and not condemned.

### Hymn 285 - O' Holy Night –

Scripture Reading Luke 2:12-20 – Jesus. His name pronounced in the original form was “Joshua” His very name in the original language means “God is Salvation.” There is no other name by which man can be saved. The entire Bible directs us to His Name in Prophecy and its fulfillment. It is the fingerprint of God.

### Candlelight Portion of the Service

This is the Holiest of Nights. This is the culmination of the waiting. We are still remembering with great gladness the first Advent. Know this though. We are now anticipating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent spoken about in the same scripture by the same prophets who told us of his first coming. The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus will finally fix the brokenness of the world. Listen to these words. Read Revelation 21:3-5.

Hymn 253 – Silent Night, Holy Night

The final Christmas Card is for all of you this evening.

Project Card – Because of Jesus

Benediction – Reading from Card

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