

The Cross and The Manger

By Mary Ryan

He came as a Babe  
In a manger of hay  
Born to us  
On Christmas Day  
But through the years  
He grew to a man  
Destined to die  
According to God's loving plan  
From the manger to the cross  
Seems a long, long way  
When we think of the Babe  
Born on Christmas Day  
But the cross and the manger  
Are both part of the story  
So God can give us  
His grace and His Glory.



CHRISTMAS  
BEGINS WITH

*Christ*



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### Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm ~ December 24, 2023

Hope – Faith – Joy – Love – Peace

#### Order Of Worship

##### PRELUDE

"Mary Did You Know"

Diana Payne

##### WELCOME

Pastor Bill

##### \*CAROLS

Angels From The Realms Of Glory #190 vs. 1

"Away In The Manger" #185 vs. 1,2,3

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

In Christ, the Great Festival of Christmas has arrived. Let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

**WE HAVE HEARD IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE PROPHETIC MESSAGE THAT GOD WOULD COME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.**

Let us rejoice with songs of praise and thanksgiving, the anthems, carols, and hymns of God's faithful promises being fulfilled.

**WE CELEBRATE HIS FULFILLED PROMISE THAT THE MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST, WOULD BRING ALL PEOPLE AND ALL THINGS INTO THE GLORY OF GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM. AMEN AND AMEN!**

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

##### Lighting The First Candle - HOPE

Linda Cooper

We light this first Advent Candle as a symbol of HOPE. Jesus Christ is the hope of the world! May the Word sent from God teach us the HOPE of Salvation.

##### Lighting The Second Candle - FAITH

Sharon Graham

We light this Advent Candle as a symbol of our FAITH in Jesus Christ - the light of the world! May the Word sent from God lead us in the Way of Salvation.

##### Lighting The Third Candle - JOY

Sharon Graham

We light this third Advent Candle as a symbol of JOY provided through our Lord and Savior. May the Word sent from God bring us the Joy of Salvation.

##### Lighting The Fourth Candle - LOVE

Lisa Stuck

We light this fourth Advent Candle as a symbol of God's LOVE and our love for all people. May the Word sent from God show us the way of Love and Salvation.

##### Lighting The Christ Candle - PEACE

Eyvonne Stuck

We light the Christ Candle as a symbol of the PEACE that God provides to those who love Him. Glory to God and on earth - PEACE - for those whom His favor rests.

##### TESTIMONY

Eyvonne Stuck

##### \*CAROL

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" #197 vs. 1,2,3

##### THE OFFERING

God Is Good, All The Time

All The Time, God Is Good

##### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

##### THE ANTHEM

"What Child Is This"

The Choir

##### SILENT MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "God's Peace At Christmas For All!" Pastor Bill  
SCRIPTURE St. Luke 2: 1 - 20 Page 832

##### CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

John 1 says that Jesus is the Light of the World. As we share the Light with others - we reflect the image of Christ to the world

Let us stand and sing all verses of "Silent Night" and lift our lights so that all may know that Jesus is the Light of the World.

##### \*CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night" #195

##### \*BENEDICTION PRAYER

##### \*CAROL

"Joy To The World" #171 vs. 1,4

##### \*POSTLUDE

"Manger Medley"

Diana Payne

\*Indicates "Congregation Please stand as you are able."

**Go forth and witness in love and stand firm in the faith!**