



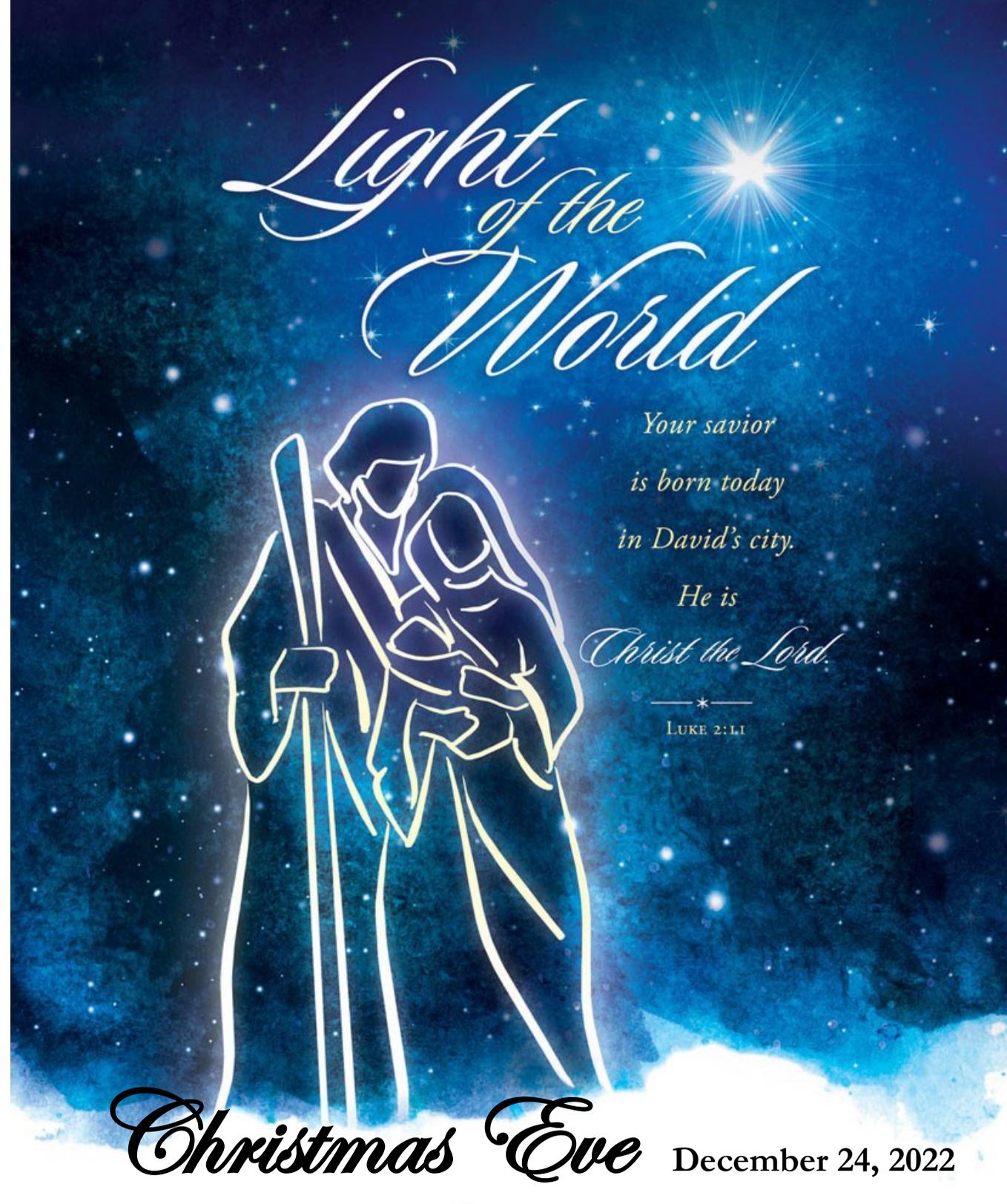
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP



at **10:00am**
and every Sunday



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Light of the World

*Your savior
is born today
in David's city.*

*He is
Christ the Lord.*

— * —
LUKE 2:11

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

Welcome to Our Home of Worship

Christmas Eve
Order of Worship

Prelude "You're Here" Heidi Vass accompanied by Kevin Su Fukagawa, pianist

Welcome Pastor Jim Powell

**IN THE BEGINNING the world was in darkness until
Jesus Christ was born! Light of the World!**

"O, Holy Night"

***Call To Worship** Jack Doman

Leader: The darkness can overcome us

People: God has provided us Light!

Leader : Fear can take us down

People: God has provided perfect love to conquer our fear

Leader: Hopelessness can paralyze us

People: God has built our Hope on Christ alone

Leader: Anger and resentment can hold us prisoner.

People: So God sent us forgiveness and redemption, a Savior in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Luke 2:11 says, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Christ the Lord." Let us celebrate his birth again this night!

***Opening Prayer**

Loving and eternal God, You sent your messenger John to announce the coming of our savior. Jesus came into the world. John told of the true light that is here and present with us- if we will only recognize him. Jesus brought Light that overcomes Darkness on this holy night. Open our hearts to welcome Him again, Emanuel, God with us. Amen

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. John 1: 6-9

+Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-3

* Stand if you are able

Bold invites participation



Join us for worship
this Christmas Day
at 10am

January 1
Epiphany Sunday
Fellowship Potluck

January 8th
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
New Baptisms

January 15
Holy Communion
Renewal of Your Baptism

Joins us for

"Life of Faith" Video/book study
Tuesdays at 10am with Pastor Jim
Beginning January 10th

"Becoming Heart Sisters" Video/book study
with Carol multiple locations & times
Beginning January 17th

Conejo Connect Ministry Events
Multi-Generational Conversations with dinner
5:30pm-7:15pm
Tuesdays in January at Thousand Oaks UMC
Wednesdays in February at Westlake UMC
Wednesdays in March at St. Matthew's UMC

Visit www.stmatthewsnp.com for more information

Candle Lighting

Taking The Light of Jesus into the World

HYMN "Silent Night" vs. 1-4

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

*Thank you to for the Altar Flowers donated by Patti Adams,
and to those in service tonight*

Poinsettias were sponsored by

Chris and Jennifer Scott in memory of Jennifer's father, Howard G. Marohn
Patty Adams in memory of her husband, Bill Adams
Pastor Jim and Stephanie in memory of their parents
Emmie St. Ledger in memory of Dominador Paguio

If you donated a poinsettia you are welcome to take it home for your Christmas celebration.

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

Luke 1: 26-38

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs.1-3

Matthew 1: 18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Luke 2: 1-5

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1 & 2

Luke 2: 6-7

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn "Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2

Luke 2: 8-12

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

***Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" vs. 1 & 2**

*Luke 2:13-14

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

***Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1-4**

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn "What Child Is This" vs. 1 & 2

Matthew 2:1-2

² After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Hymn "The First Noel" vs. 1-3

Offering of Our Gifts to the Emergency Assistance Fund

Pastor Jim Powell

Offertory "I Wonder As I Wander"

Soloist Heidi Vass

Blessing of Our Gifts and Tithes

Jack Doman

***Hymn of Thanksgiving "Joy to the World" vs. 1-4**

Sermon

Pastor Jim Powell

Light
Overcomes
Darkness