

Sunday
December 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Calm and Bright :

200 Years of Silent Night

"Let Us Sing"



*Indicates for the congregation to please stand as able.
The congregation's lines are in bold.

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Threshold Song

Silent Night, Holy Night (2 times)

It was the night when Hope was born

Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

Dear people all around the world,

**Let us unite and we will show How Hope can change us,
How Hope can help us grow.**

On this final Sunday of Advent, we continue our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night, Holy Night," and speak the fourth verse together:

**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."

The last verse of the hymn invites us to lift our voices in alleluias to the One who is "King." This royal title was more radical for the people of Jesus' time as it resisted the powers of empire that threatened "the least of these" that Jesus came to serve. We are reminded by this seemingly benign and sentimental song that whenever there is injustice in this world, we are to look to the One whose power is love. How might this increase our hope for the future?

So let your Hope shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your life burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This Hope we give the world is balm

Silent Night

And in this truth we find our calm.

Holy Night

Opening Prayer

Reader 1: The season of waiting is almost over. We light the fourth candle, anticipating the coming light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2: God of our future, we open ourselves to hear Your call today – the call to keep hope alive no matter the troubles we face.

Reader 1: Help us to never lose hope and to offer hope to all around us – making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

Fill us with Your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

***Opening Hymn: #219 What Child Is This**

***Pass the Peace**

As the children come forward, you are invited to greet those around you with a sign of God's hope, saying: "Hope is never lost!"

We Proclaim

Children's Time ~ Joanne Culver

Hymn: #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1)

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade are invited to go to POP! with Jolene Cron

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 2:1-12

Witness to the Light in Music: "Silent Night" ~ Choir

Witness to the Light in Word: "Given to Us"

We Respond

Prayers and Offerings of the People

Song: (bulletin insert) Christ, Be Our Light (verse 5)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Leader: In this worship series, each week there is a time of praying with our actions. We have tables of candles for you to go and light a candle in prayer for someone or something, perhaps today light a candle as an act of defiance against despair. You can place your offering of money, if you have one, in the baskets on the table or altar. Each week we will contribute to the peace and light, calm and bright, in the world by sending care packages into the community. But before we go to the stations, let us lift up prayer requests:

Let us speak our response:

Wrap them in your love so tight, Guide them with your holy light.

Christ, Be Our Light Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

You are invited to go to the stations.

***Going to Stations: Peace, Peace ~ Choir**

***Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

We Go

***Closing Hymn: #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Benediction

You and your family are cordially invited to share in Christmas Eve worship services here at the church. A multi-generational service with Holy Communion is at 7 p.m. The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be at 11 p.m. Please extend the invitation to all you know.

I invite you to face the center aisle as the light moves out into the world and say our Advent/Christmas blessing with me:

Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way. Offer hope to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

*We Need a Silent Night in Here Refrain

We need a silent night in here. We need Your presence to be near.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek. We need a silent night in here.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.

We need a silent night, we need a silent night, we need a silent night in here.

*Postlude

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Brad and Barb Addis and family are mourning the loss of Brad's aunt, Syrene Addis.

Grant Swinehart (Laverne's son) will have surgery in January.

Family and friends are mourning the loss of Betty Thomas (Brad and Barb Addis's neighbor).

Pray for military personnel overseas and their families.

Previous Requests

Peg Bird faces serious and life altering health challenges.

Brenda (Kris Miller's friend) needs prayer as her husband was diagnosed with lung cancer, and her son was killed recently in a hit and run accident.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Carol Eaton's surgery was postponed, and chemo will be starting soon, prior to surgery in the future.

Molly and Hannah Geerlings (wife and teenage daughter of Derek, Lynne Melvin's co-worker) and other family and friends are mourning the loss of Derek, who passed away.

Eric Goldsmith (Betty Thomas's grandson) is making progress but has a long road of rehab and chemo ahead of him.

Wayne (Lori Lash's 3-yr-old great-grandson) has kidney problems.

Two cousins of Lori Lash are in really bad health. Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait.

Jim and Joan Smola and family are mourning the loss of Jim's mother, Dorothy.

Karen VanStelle (John and Linda Cleveland's friend) lost her job and has health issues.

Gene and Janet Zang welcome visits or calls. Janet is recovering at home from a broken arm, and Gene is recovering from a bladder infection.

Safe travel to and from destinations for all travelers



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

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The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Ice Luminaries for Christmas Eve

We are seeking everyone's help in making ice luminaries for tomorrow evening. If you have questions, please call Brad Addis at 532-2296.

Christmas Band

The Christmas Band will be playing for the church service next Sunday. All high school students, college students and older (no age limit) are welcome to join. We will rehearse at 9:30 and play at the 10:30 service. The music is Christmas carols and pretty easy.

Please contact Jolene or Ken Cron of your interest and to get the music in advance.

Vixcrons@cs.com

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are collecting bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Dec. 23:

Dec. 30: Joe and Betty Gruber

Notice

Communion will be served in the pews this month.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Beverly Nimmo
David Bretz	Robert & Carmen Parsons
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Mina Willett

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

12/24 Bruce Graves	12/27 Zachary Griffin
12/25 Steve Hambright	12/29 Kellie Hiemstra
Tom Simpson	Scott Smola
Dorothy Smith	

Anniversaries

12/26 Walker Polsinelli	12/28 Todd & Julie Griffin
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This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Thursday, December 27

no activities are scheduled

Friday, December 28 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Book 2 of the Apprentice Bible Study starts in January

Starting Thursday, Jan. 3, we will delve into James Bryan Smith's second book, The Good and Beautiful Life.

"Following the Sermon on the Mount, this guides us to look behind character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God."

Won't you join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 for this spirit lifting series. Let us know of your interest as soon as you can so we can order enough books. The cost is approx. \$20, but you may be able to find a less expensive copy at Amazon, etc. Please contact John Cleveland at 269-649-1405 or Jcleveland327@gmail.com, or the church office at 269-649-2343.



Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned to service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade and your cell phone number.

Today's acolytes are
Henry Stamm and Lily Stamm

December 16 attendance:
Worship 141 Sunday School 43

Christ, Be Our Light



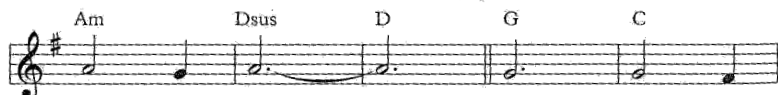
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 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



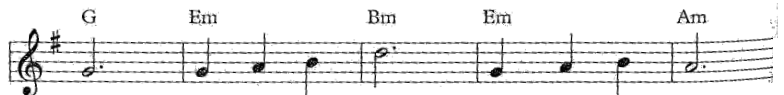
Long - ing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your
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 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be



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Refrain

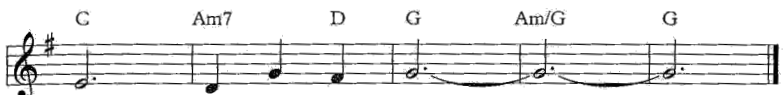
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 all are fed. _____ Christ, be our
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 king - dom come. _____



light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark -



ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day. _____