

Thank you for joining in worship with us this afternoon. We pray you felt God's presence during this time.

Please join us in worship each Sunday beginning at 10:00 am with a time of fellowship to follow. If you are unable to attend in person, join us on the internet through our website.



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*New Dorp Moravian Church
Christmas Eve Candle Service*



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Tuesday, December 24, 2024

WATCHWORD: “All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.
(Deuteronomy 16:17)

PRELUDE *All Silent Was the Night*
 Theodore L. Clemens

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate our Savior’s birth.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the holy family gathered in Bethlehem.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the shepherds came from the field.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather to celebrate as faithful Christians have done for centuries.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather here, knowing, too, that people around the world are also gathering to worship the newborn King.

O come, all ye faithful! Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ, the newborn King!

***HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **MBW #283**

WELCOME

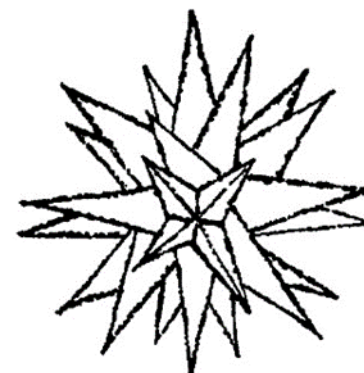
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM *What Child is This?* *NDMC Choir*

A LITANY

God of joy and celebration,
God of love and mercy,
God of peace and righteousness,

**We sing aloud and dance with the angels.
The ruler of all worlds, the shepherd of creation
Jesus Christ has entered our world.**



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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has looked favorably upon His people and redeemed them. The dayspring from on High has visited us, to give light to those who sit in darkness,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace!

Rejoice in God our Savior, for the Mighty One has done great things for us! And holy is God's name! In him was life, the life was the light of humanity. The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overcome it.

Children of the Light, long after these candles have been extinguished, the Light of Christ will be with you. And as you go from this place: May the Light of Christ shine before you to guide you, may it shine around you to protect you, may it shine within you to inspire you, and may it shine above you to bless you. In the Name of Jesus, the Newborn King.

Amen.

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious*
John Christian Bechler

Our Savior Christ has come into the world, not in power, not in might, but in the tenderness of love, He comes as the promise of life hidden in a mother's womb.

In this season of God with us we celebrate with the angels, we are graced by the wonder of God's presence, we are filled with the tenderness of Christ's love.

Love and faithfulness meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other, faithfulness springs forth from the earth.

Shout aloud Hallelujah! God's faithfulness comes down from heaven. God has kept his promise, the Savior has been born and a new world begun.

In this season of God with us we rejoice for God's salvation has come. The redeemer of all creation has come to earth, and we catch glimpses of God's Messiah-healed world.

Shout aloud Hallelujah! God's faithfulness comes down from heaven. God has kept his promise, the Savior has been born and a new world begun.

This is the time we believe once more that perfect love casts out fear, that generosity transforms scarcity into abundance, that righteousness overcomes oppression with justice.

Shout aloud Hallelujah! God's faithfulness comes down from heaven. God has kept his promise, the Savior has been born and a new world begun.

We are graced by Christ's presence and filled with his love. May we become bearers of God's light, and go out to transform our troubled world.

Shout a loud Hallelujah! God's faithfulness comes down from heaven. God has kept his promise, the Savior has been born and a new world begun.

**The whole earth shouts with joy to God.
The world declares God's praise.
Praise to the compassionate and gracious One,
who sent the son to dwell among us.**

**Praise to the incarnate One, Jesus Christ our Redeemer
who fulfills God's covenant of love and compassion to all
humankind.**

**Praise to the indwelling one, the Holy Spirit the giver of
life, who proclaims God's mercy and justice throughout
the earth.**

Praise to the three in One!

Praise to the One in Three!

Praise to God on high!

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus you come
in the voice of the poor,
in the hurting of the sick,
in the anguish of the oppressed.

Open our eyes that we may see you.

Jesus you come
in the weakness of the vulnerable,
in the questions of the doubting,
in the fears of the dying.

Open our ears that we might hear you.

Jesus you come
in the celebration of the saints,
in the generosity of the faithful,
in the compassion of the caring.

Open our hearts that we might embrace you.

Almighty God, whose great love and compassion came into our
world in the person of your incarnate son, Jesus Christ, plant
in every heart your concern and care for all humankind. May
the light of Christ ignite our hearts and shine out brightly
from our lives, proclaiming your salvation to all the earth.

*Jesus be, Constantly,
Constantly, Jesus be
more than thousand suns to me.*

*Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star, cheer the nations
near and far.*

**Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
cheer the nations near and far.**

*Thee we own, Lord alone,
Lord alone, Thee we own,
our dear Savior, God's dear Son.*

*Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.*

**Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.**

*Jesus mine, in me shine;
In me shine, Jesus mine;
fill my heart with light divine.*

Joy to the World

MBW #294

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our 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 righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Away in a Manger

MBW #301

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

May the light of God shine on us,
may the love of Christ shine in us,
may the life of the Spirit shine through us.
This day and evermore
Amen.¹

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 9:2-7** **Page 706**

***HYMN** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* **MBW #286**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Titus 2:11-14** **Page 232**

THE GOSPEL LESSON **Luke 2:1-20** **Page 59**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *God of Wonders*
Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
NDMC Choir

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE **Rev. Walter Bishop**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

RESPONSE **MBW #817**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: **MBW #825**

**Hear Our Prayer, O Lord.
hear our prayer, O Lord ,
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace. Amen.**

SOLO *O Holy Night* *Adolphe Adam*
Soloist: Theresa Dewidar

Silent Night, Holy Night

MBW #297

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,
heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born,
Christ, the Savior, is born!

***HYMN: Morning Star**

MBW #281
Evangeline Carolan

(When the Pastor lifts their candle on the last stanza of this
hymn please lift your candle to show your desire to receive and
share the light of Christ.)

(Note: Singer in *italic print!* Congregation in bold print.)

*Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!*
Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
Jesus mine, In me shine;
In me shine, Jesus mine;
Fill my heart with light divine.

*Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's
clear light.*
**Morning Star, thy glory bright
far excels the sun's clear light.**

THE CANDLE SERVICE

THE MESSAGE OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

DISTRIBUTION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (while hymns are sung)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

MBW #282

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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MBW #295

Hark! The herald angels sing:
“Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Refrain:
Hark! The herald angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!”

The First Noel

MBW #290

The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

MBW #291

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all other doth deface.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.