

again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ, the treasures of my love, and to live under Him as my King, both now and forever. Amen.

Solo: "O Holy Night" sung by Shanna Amborn
accompanied by Mary Petersen

Z is for Zeal

CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

P: May the living light of the Christ Child be born anew in our hearts this Christmas season. May we cherish the light and nurture the flame so that it shines forth to give witness to others of the blessed peace it imparts. As we go forth now, we give thanks for this wondrous gift of life and love that has been so graciously bestowed upon us through the birth of God's Son. May we find in it forgiveness, peace, grace, and life everlasting in the name of that holy child of Bethlehem.

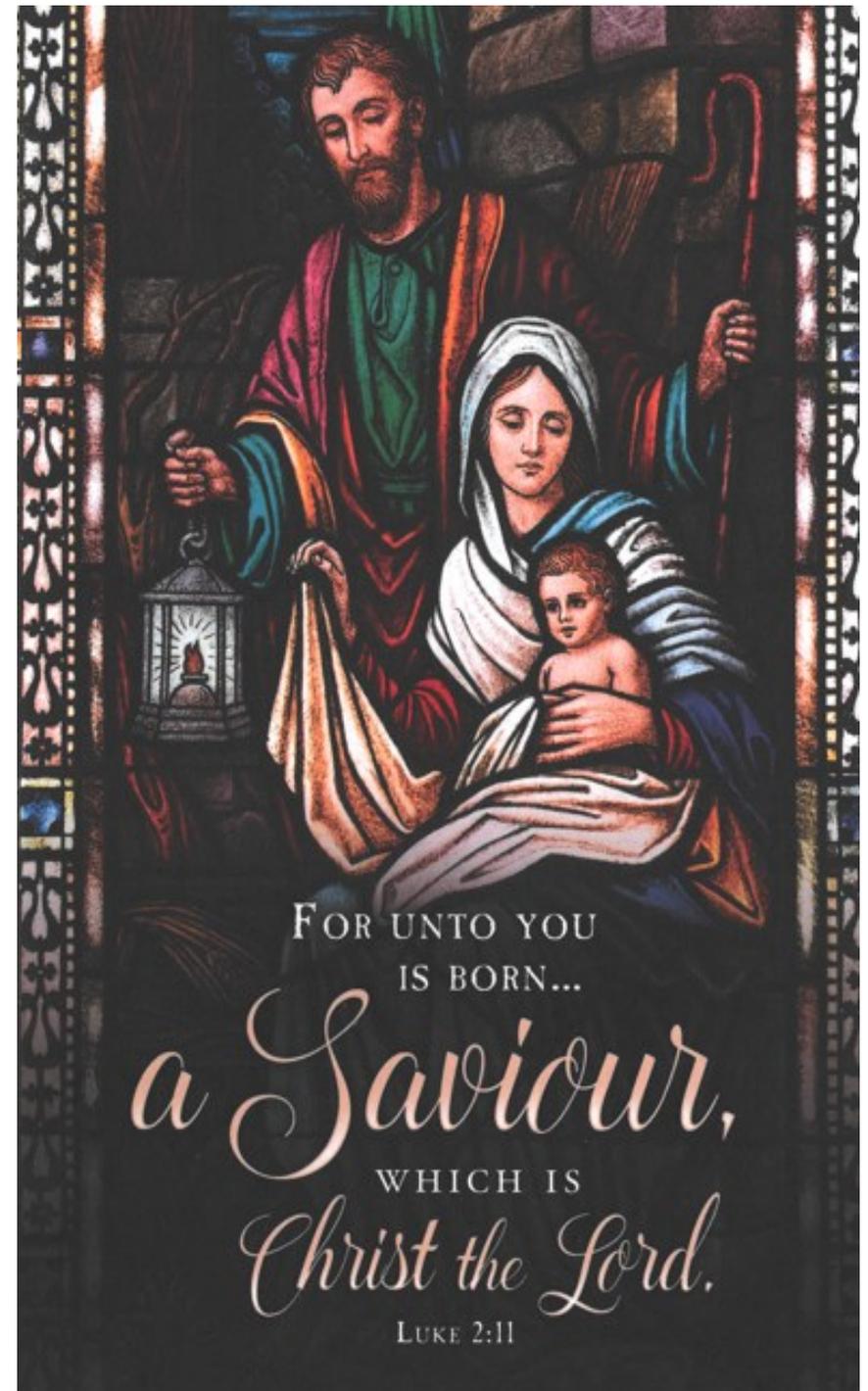
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #388 "Go Tell It On The Mountain" vs 1-3

Merry Christmas!

Special thank you to the choir, the singers and all those who have provided special music tonight and throughout our Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you also to those who participated this evening in our Christmas Nativity.

REMINDER: Next Worship— Sunday, December 26 at 9:00 am
No second service and no Sunday School.



Christmas

A to Z

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2021
5:00 p.m.

WELCOME

We have come here this night to rejoice and celebrate in God's Gift to the world in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was born on Christmas Day. May God bless our worship and rekindle in us the spirit of love, hope, joy, and peace that has come to us in our Emmanuel.

LIGHTING OF THE EMMANUEL CANDLE

- P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."
- C: We now light the Emmanuel candle as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.**
- P: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*
- C: We welcome the Lord Jesus Christ who is our Light and Life.**

N is for Noel

O is for Offering

Gathering of the Offering
Offering Hymn: #364 "Away In A Manger" vs 1-3
Offering Hymn: #370 "What Child is This" vs 1-3

P is for Peace

Q is for Quiet

R is for Revealed

S is for Star

Reading: Matthew 2:9-11
Choir: "Come See The Star"

T is for Table

U is for Unity

Solo: "Do You Hear What I Hear" sung by Shanna Amborn accompanied by Mary Petersen

V is for Vulnerable

W is for Wonder

X is for Christ

Hymn: #387 "Joy To The World" vs 1-4

Y is for You

THE CHRISTMAS CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the wisemen, who lived to suffer, die and rise

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

Tonight we use the alphabet to help us celebrate the Christmas Story.

A is for Angel

Reading: Luke 1:26-33, 38

B is for Bethlehem

Hymn: #361 *"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"* vs. 1

Reading: Luke 2:1-5

C is for Census

D is for Donkey

E is for Exhausted

Reading: Luke 2:6-7

Hymn: #361 *"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"* vs. 2-4

F is for Family

G is for Good News

Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: #380 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* vs 1-3

Reading: Luke 2:15

H is for Hope

I is for Imagine

J is for Joy

Reading: Luke 2:16-19

Duet: *"Halleluia"* sung by Lucy Larson & Kylar Larson

Reading: Luke 2:20

K is for King

L is for Love

M is for Manger

Choir: *"Jesus Is Our Christmas Peace"*

OPENING HYMN #379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

C: **In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law. That we may become children of God by faith in Him whom the Father has sent.**

P: Tonight, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior it is right and appropriate that we again acknowledge our sinfulness. If we fail to confess that we are sinners then we have no need for a Savior, and Christmas has no real meaning. The Heavenly Father has shown us our sinfulness, and our need for a Savior in His Holy Law. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Almighty God, Heavenly Father, tonight I make my confession before Your throne of grace. I readily confess that my sins have earned Your eternal wrath and judgment. I am without excuse and stand convicted before Your perfect law. I can but plead, God be merciful to me, a sinner.**

P: God has shown His everlasting love and mercy by sending us His Son Jesus Christ. The Savior has taken away our sin and brought us perfect forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**