

# Our Worship of God

Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. – December 24, 2018

On this holy night, Lord Jesus, your light illumines our darkness. We bow before your manger in awe and love. Welcome!

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Greetings and Welcome

Special Music "A Joyous Christmas" Chimers

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles screen (Niemeier family)

Call To Worship

Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us—Emmanuel.

**People: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.**

Leader: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

**People: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" screen or #234

Prayer

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

## The Prophecy of the Messiah

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, John 1:1-2, 4-5

## The Coming of Jesus is Announced to Mary and Joseph

Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?" Marianne Nebelsick

## The Preparations for the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-5

Hymn "Joseph's Lullaby" Kyle Ingwersen

## Jesus is Born

Luke 2:6-7

Special Music "A Hallelujah Christmas" Emma Niswander

## Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds

Luke 2:9-14

Hymn "Away in a Manger" screen or #217, vs. 1

## The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

Luke 2:15-18

## The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn "O Holy Night" Jacie Rueter

Meditation "What Child Is this?" Pastor Emmanuel

## We Offer Our Gifts to God

Offering—to help wildfire victims in California (see back page for more info.)

\*Doxology sung to tune of "The First Noel" screen

Offertory Response

**People: So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of Kings salvation brings. Let loving hearts enthrone Him. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring him laud the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

## The Passing of the Light

Hymn "Silent Night" screen or #239

Benediction

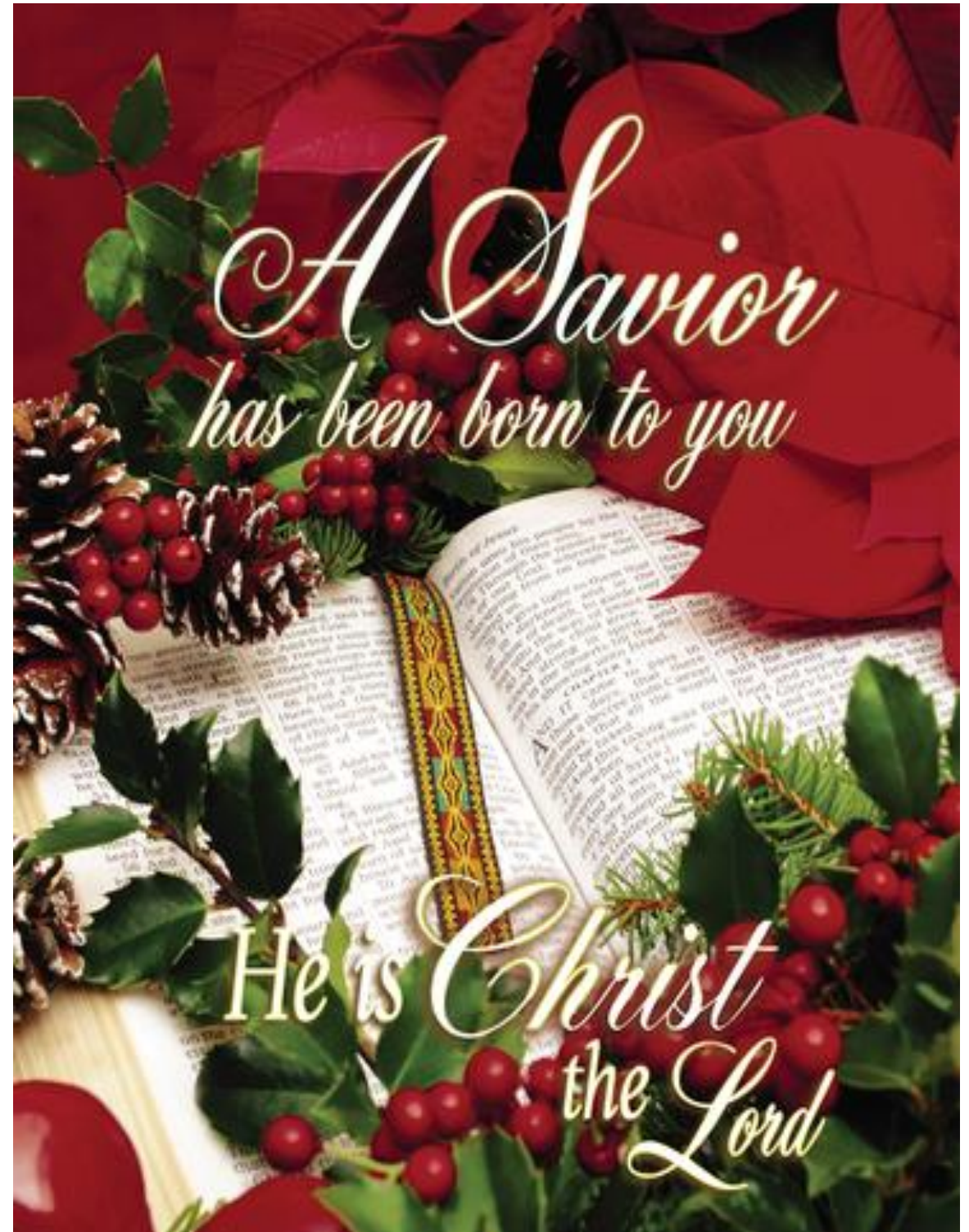
Hymn "Joy to the World" screen or #246, vs. 1-2

Pastor: Emmanuel Naweji

Pianist: Diane Duitsman

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