

Our Worship of God

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. – December 24, 2019

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

Prelude "Joy to the World" Jacie Rueter, Judy Taber

Greetings and Welcome

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

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: **O loving God, you have brought us together to celebrate your presence through Jesus, the reason for Christmas. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of our world. Speak to us today that we may hear the good news of your salvation through Jesus. Fill us with your presence, and help us share Christ's light with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" Matt Carstensen

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

Hymn "He Is Born" screen or #228, vs. 3

Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds

Luke 2:9-14

Hymn "Away in a Manger" screen or #217

The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

Luke 2:15-18

Special Music "O Holy Night" Jacie Rueter

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-11

Special Music "How Great Our Joy" Men's Ensemble

Meditation "God Will Make It Possible" Pastor Emmanuel

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Offering

*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 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" screen or #251

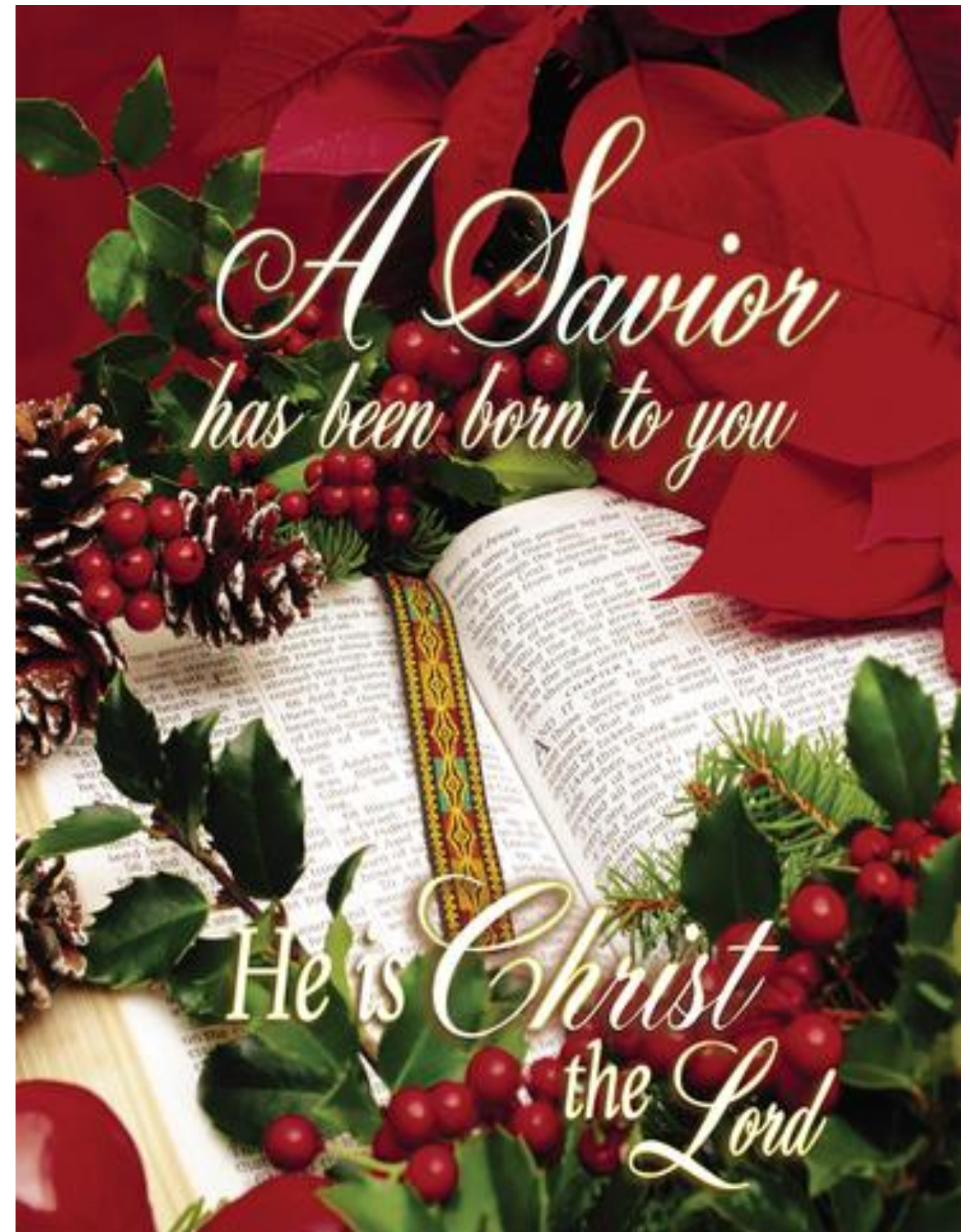
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Naweji

Pianist: Judy Taber

Christmas Offering

Tonight's offering will go to help educate students in rural Musac, Haiti. There are over 200 students in grades K - 9. The New Life Primary School has been educating students for the past ten years. Many who attend are from the most impoverished families in this area and have no other means to education. At times, the teachers use their own money for supplies and to help students. Your support of this school provides them an opportunity for learning and a way for them to give back to their community.

For more information, please call Sarah and Daniel Prevot, 22 Maple Drive, Lake Park, IA 51347, email at snletsche@gmail.com or call Sarah at 712-540-8527.



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Hymn "We Three Kings" screen or #245, vs. 1-2

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