

**Zion Lippe UCC – CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Pastor: Rev. Jeff Long**

**Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Ken Scherry**

*Pianist: Carol Jo Droege Organist: Kay Austin*

*Choir Director: Sandy Willett*

*Technicians: Kyle Hoenert & Hannah Lang*

December 24, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *What A Glorious Night* Zion Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We made it to Bethlehem! We gather this night to  
celebrate the Good News!

**Many: Tonight, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has  
been born to us.**

One: He is Christ the Lord!

**Many: With the angels, let us sing our praises.**

**Unison: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
to all of God's children!**

\* OPENING HYMN Joy to the World #102

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rosie Bogard, Jeff & Kris Long

*Response:* Light the Light, the Fire of Life #82 (vs. 5)

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Offertory *Medley of Carols*

SPECIAL MUSIC

JJ and Kelli Mohr

*What Child Is This? Child of the Poor*

THE COMING OF JESUS IS SHARED WITH MARY

Luke 1. 26-38

SPECIAL MUSIC *Away in a Manger* Bayla Espenlaub

THE MESSAGE OF JOSEPH Luke 2. 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Hallelujah* Cindy Hollen

THE MESSAGE OF THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2. 8-14

CAROL The First Nowell #124

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2. 15-20

CAROL It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #132 (1 & 4)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2. 25-32

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Holy Night* Willett Ladies

SCRIPTURE READING John 1. 1-5

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE A Birthday Celebration

SPECIAL MUSIC with CHILDREN Mary Had a Baby

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(outer 2 rings of cups are wine, all others are grape juice)*

SERVICE OF CANDLES *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*As the organ plays and the congregation sings Silent Night, the  
pastor and ushers will light their candles from the Christ Candle  
and then light the candles of the congregation. Please pass the  
flame on to those sitting next to you. Tip the unlit candle to the lit  
candle to prevent wax from dripping on your hands or clothes.*

(over)

**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, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**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.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please extinguish candles following the prayer*

SPECIAL MUSIC     *How Many Kings*             Zion Choir

BENEDICTION

\* ALL SING TOGETHER

**We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.  
Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin  
Glad tidings for Christmas  
And a happy New Year!**

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*\*If you are able we invite you to stand*

