

A photograph of a wooden manger filled with straw and a white cloth, set in a field at night. The background is dark with a starry sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

# *Christmas Eve*

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**5:30 PM**

Online & Radio Broadcast

*On this Christmas Eve we gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. Then we go forth into the world to proclaim to all: the Savior is born!*

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## **THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Jeremy & Nicole Schutter

## **HYMN**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S VIDEO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

### **THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL**

Tonight is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Let us hear the glad story of how God chose to come among us and to dwell with us.

***Reading from Luke 2:1-7***

Monica Tietz

## **HYMN**

***Away in a Manger***

***Reading from Luke 2:8-14***

Sam Schauer

## **HYMN**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

***Reading from Luke 2:15-20***

Phyllis Gab

## **HYMN**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

## **CHRISTMAS HOMILY**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***O Holy Night***

Zach & Saundra Anderson

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As heaven and earth rejoice at the birth of Christ, we pray for the church and all the world.

For ears to hear and trust the Word of God ...

**Christ the Lord, reveal your Word among us.**

For caring hearts to shelter those for whom there is no room ...

**Christ the Lord, show your love through us.**

For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come ...

**Christ the Lord, bring your joy to the world.**

For peace among the nations and in our daily lives ...

**Christ the Lord, pour out your peace on earth.**

For the promise of our Savior to shine into the darkness ...

**Christ the Lord, give to us your light and truth.**

Trusting in your mercy and rejoicing in your birth, we lift our prayers to you, the Light of the World. And in your name, O Christ, we commend all for whom we pray.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*Tonight, as on every Christmas Eve, we light candles to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World, and that the darkness will not overcome the light. We invite you to light candles as you worship from home.*

**HYMN OF LIGHT*****Silent Night, Holy Night*****BLESSING**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Christ our Savior is born!**

The faithful have come to adore Christ our Lord.

**Christ our Savior is born!**

Now go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!

**Christ our Savior is born!**

The blessings of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

**Amen!**

**SENDING HYMN*****Go Tell It on the Mountain****Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual