

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SERVICE

Christmas Eve

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Welcome to all God's children, young and old, who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem this night!

A SPECIAL NOTE FOR PARENTS: Your children are invited to participate in this evening's interactive service! If they did not do so when arriving, please take them to the back of the church to choose the necessary clothing. They will need this as we walk through the Christmas Story. At the appropriate time they will be called to go to the back to get their directions on what to do. No speaking parts will be required of your children.

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PRELUDE O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Violin Trio: Logan Ehrhardt, Jared Gill, Charlotte Stewart)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Silent night, holy night.

People: Behold the wonder, born in light.

Pastor: Born a child, and yet a king.

People: A promise fulfilled, as the angels sing.

Pastor: Sing of love, sing of life,

People: The Prince of Peace shall end all strife.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS STORY-TIME WITH PASTOR JOHN

\*CAROL Away in a Manger

(lyrics on the back)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH (acting narrative with our children)

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SCENE 1

The Angel Appears to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-21)

SCENE 2

The Angel Appears to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

SCENE 3

Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

SCENE 4

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)

SCENE 5

The Visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL Silent Night

(lyrics on the back)

\*BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO TABERNACLE!

Thank you for joining us for this Children's Christmas Eve Service. If this is your first time with us, welcome! We are so glad you're here and we hope you've found God's presence and a warm, welcoming church family. A special THANK YOU to all the children for helping lead us in worship tonight!

## Away in a Manger

- ① Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head,  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- ② The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- ③ Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## Silent Night, Holy Night

- ① 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.
- ② Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

