

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2019, 7:00 pm

Preacher: Jim Loepp Thiessen

Worship Leader: Anita Schroeder Kipfer

Children's Time – Ingrid Loepp Thiessen

Scripture Readers: Roy Draper, Lester Kehl, Wesley Wilson

Musicians: Nichelle Bauman, Barb Draper, Casey Horn, Florence Jantzi,
Ingrid Loepp Thiessen, Julia Russell

Come to Bethlehem at Christmas

Prelude

Welcome

Song: *O come, all ye faithful*

HWB#212

Invocation

Song: *We come*

on screen

Scripture Reading – Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and 9:2,6-7

Song: *Love came down at Christmas*

HWB#208

Song: *Angels we have heard on high*

HWB#197

The Good News at Christmas

Children's Time: Come to Bethlehem

Song: *Go tell it on the mountain*

on screen

The story: Luke 2:1-20

Meditation: The birth beyond the manger

Song: *Joy to the world*

HWB#318

Carrying the light of Christmas

Special Music: *Joy Medley*

Story: The Heart Of A Star

Prayer

Song: *Silent night, holy night*

HWB#193

Farewell Blessing

Postlude



Light looked down
and saw darkness.
"I will go there," said Light.

Peace looked down
and saw war.
"I will go there," said Peace.

Love looked down
and saw hatred.
"I will go there," said Love.

So
the Lord of Light
the Prince of Peace
the King of Love
came down
and crept in
beside us.

Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community

Luke 2:1-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying. ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors. ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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