

Christmas Eve 2007

Welcome

Welcome to our first Christmas Eve service

What a great occasion to come together and worship the Lord

We look forward to a great time of celebration/anticipation

Let's stand and sing

Worship – Aaron Jones

Video – Christmas Card

(Lights out)

Scripture Reading – 6 people

Devotional

That story never gets old does it?

God became flesh and stepped down into darkness . . .

To be the light of the world, so that we would walk as children of the light . . .

And let our lights so shine before others

Have you ever wondered why the angel appeared at night, and not the day?

Why was that?

I think it's because – it's in the darkness that lights are best seen

Even more importantly – it's in the darkness that lights are most needed

By way of example, I think it was just another way for the angel to announce the coming
of Christ

Who showed up in *our* darkness

The darkness of our *world*; And the darkness of our *lives* . . .

To give us the light of life – light that was desperately needed

Light that burns so brightly in our hearts

No wonder the birth of Christ is so significant

No wonder Christmas is so merry

The only thing left to do is to kneel before him, thank him, and worship him with our lives

I've asked Darrell and Susan Henricksen to lead us in prayer

Thanking God for the light of his Son, and the occasion of his birth

Prayer – Darrell and Susan Henricksen

(Light candle; Lights out; Red on stage)

Candles – Elders and Staff

John 8:12 on screen

(Background music – Here I am to Worship

(All stand when all candles light)

Worship

Close

Isaiah 60:1 – *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen
upon you.* (blow out candles; lights up)

God bless you; Have a Merry Christmas