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## WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2014

10:00 PM

*“Do not be afraid!*

*I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;*

*He is the Messiah, Christ the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:10-11*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE MUSIC

“Celtic Advent Carol”  
“Gloria in excelsis Deo”

Alec Chapman, Organist  
Chancel Choir

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All God’s people—boys and girls, women, men:

**All: Come and worship!**

Leaders: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**All: Come and worship!**

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**All: Come and worship Christ Jesus, the newborn King!**

\*HYMN No. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*\*please stand as you are able*

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Thompson Family

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

### COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

**God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem  
into the darkness of our night.**

**Open our eyes to Christ’s presence in the shadows of our world.  
Grant us your Spirit, that we might shine with the same light of love  
that you have shown us through Christ’s birth. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

HYMN NO. 25

“Away in a Manger”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN NO. 44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

\*HYMN NO. 56

“The First Noel”

### RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“What a Wondrous Gift”

Chancel Choir

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

### SERMON

“The Child Will Be a Sign for You

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN No. 40

“Joy to the World”

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Passing the Bread and the Cup

*\*please hold each element until all are served so that we may partake together*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### ANTHEM

“Let Us Be”

Chancel Choir

### SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle, please be very careful.*

*Assist children who are holding candles, and be sure to tip the unlit candle towards the lit one  
to avoid dripping hot wax.*

### HYMN

“Silent Night”

*~see insert*

### BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candles before you leave your pews,  
and place them in the boxes located at each exit door.*

### POSTLUDE