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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2014

7:00 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

PRELUDE

Music Students of Elfinwild Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 Meyer 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. 16 "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children through 6th grade are invited to come down to the chancel

HYMN NO. 25

"Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

ANTHEM

"Amid the Cold of Winter"

Youth Choir

*HYMN No. 40

"Joy to the World"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

HYMN NO. 53

"What Child is This?"

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"In the First Light"

Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

SERMON

"The Child Will Be a Sign to You"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN NO. 56

"The First Noel"

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"

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BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE