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WELCOME TO  
**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

DECEMBER 24, 2016  
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

“Away in a Manger”

Kenneth D. Varner

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**All: He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through Him.**

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

\*HYMN No. 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Saraceno Family

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:10-11

COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

**Thank you God for the birth of your son, Jesus. May the joy and excitement we feel today carry into all parts of our lives. Amen**

\*HYMN No. 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM "Two Thousand Years Ago" Alan Satchwell  
*Youth Choir*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come down to the chancel.*

HYMN No. 49 "Once in Royal David's City"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN No. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14

\*HYMN No. 40 "Joy to the World"

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Westminster Carol" Carl J. Nygard, Jr.  
*Youth Choir*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-14  
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "A Savior is Born" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

ANTHEM "Glory to God!" Lloyd Larson  
*Elementary 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 "Today in Bethlehem" Rick Parks

*We will be combining our worship services on Sunday, December 25, 2016. Please join us at 10 AM that Lord's Day morning to worship our Lord, the newborn King!*

*We will also have one worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2017, when we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please join us at 10 AM that Lord's Day morning.*