

READING Matthew 1:18-25

SPECIAL MUSIC “Joseph’s Song” Michael Card
Bob Wegner

***HYMN - NO. 44** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” St. Louis

SPECIAL MUSIC “Winter Snow”
Jordan Skowron and Heather Heere
Words and Music by Audrey Assad

READING Luke 2:8-20

***HYMN - NO. 23** “Angels We Have Heard on High” Gloria

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **In The First Light** Youth Choir
Kauflin – arr. Fettke

MESSAGE Dirk Lesnett

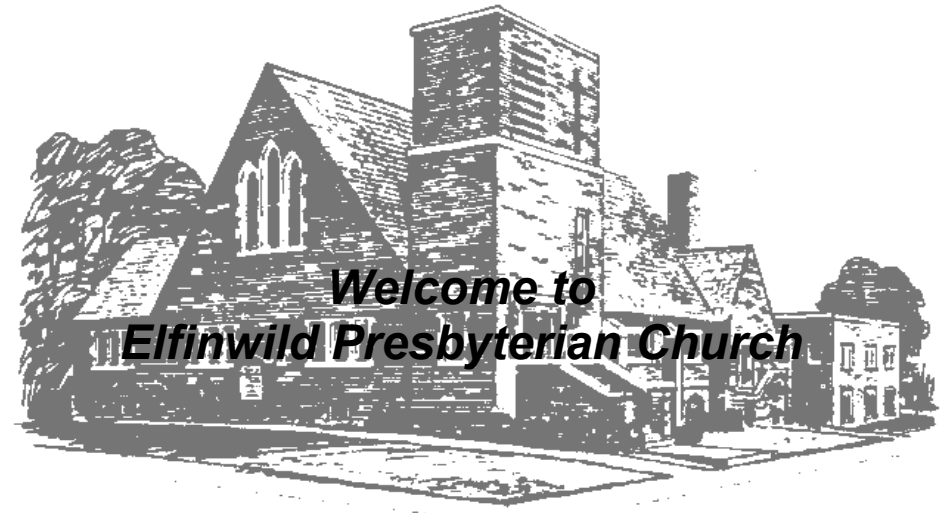
***HYMN - NO. 40** “Joy to The World” Antioch

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle **please be very careful**, assist the children who hold candles, and be sure to tip only the unlit candle to avoid dripping wax.

HYMN “Silent Night” Stille Nacht
(See insert)

BENEDICTION
Please extinguish your candles before you begin to exit and drop them in the boxes at each door.

***POSTLUDE** Toccata in F Major – J. Pachelbel



*We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us
on this day that the Lord has made.*

*Please relax and enjoy the music before the service starts.
Quiet your heart before God.
Ask Him to meet with you and teach you today.*

*Inside you will find our order of service and the activities
of the church.*

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

**We believe Jesus Christ is God with us
and Lord of all. United by our love for God
and faith in Jesus Christ, we will serve the Lord
through...**

**...joyful worship as we glorify His name
...committed study and learning of the Word
...faithful mission to our community and
the world.**

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2009
Seven O’Clock

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE **Carols for Brass** (Brass Choir) G.E. Holmes
Trumpets: Steve Heere, Mike Panza, Andrew Neil
French Horn: Chris Sutton
Trombone: Thomas Lindeman
Baritone Horn: Martha Dyke
Tuba: Mark Feris
Improvisation and Fanfare on “Adeste Fideles” Moser-G. Young
Carols for Organ G. Young
O Little Town of Bethlehem D. Lanz

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

PROCESSION OF LIGHT, CROSS AND WORD

Fire and light are Biblical symbols for the Presence of God, here present with God’s people.
The Cross symbolizes the Gospel message, Christ crucified and risen.

***HYMN - NO. 41** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Adeste Fideles

LIGHTING THE WAY The Potock Family

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.
P: We are here to worship God - and his Son Jesus – born this night in Bethlehem of Judea.
L: We light the candle of hope to remind us of the promises made by all the prophets that God would raise up a saviour for his people Israel.
P: Christ is our hope and our salvation. He calls us to share our hope in him with each other.
L: We light the candle of peace of God to us. He calls us to share the peace he gives with each other.
P: Christ brings the peace of God to us. He calls us to share the peace he gives with each other.
L: We light the candle of joy to remind us that God gives joy to every heart that abides in him.

P: As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus – so his birth in us brings us joy. God calls us to share the joy he gives with each other.
L: We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus is God’s gift of love to us – and that in him, the light of love triumphs over darkness.
P: Love never fails – it transforms all those who give it and receive it. God calls us to share his love with each other.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.
P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.
L: You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.
P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
L: His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
P: He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH

P: Almighty God – you have made this night holy by the gift of your son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rested all your grace, through him has come all your mercy. Let his light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through him. Amen

ANTHEM “Hush My, Babe” Youth Choir
- Traditional / arr. J. Gallina

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

ANTHEMS “Away in a Manger” Cherubs and Sonbeams
“It’s Christmas”

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“This Little Babe” Southwell/Britten Arr./ Harrison
Youth Choir

READING Luke 1:26-38

SPECIAL MUSIC “Breath of Heaven” Eaton / Grant
Haley Wershvale