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# WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2013

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

Samuel Baird

Rachel Dolan

Morgan Stormer

Auggie Bernhardt

Laura Heere

Benjamin Waldo

## Music Students of Elfinwild Church

Elizabeth Dolan

Noah Heere

Samantha Waldo

## 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! Come and worship!**

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

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

\*HYMN No. 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Riegel Family  
Clay, Gail, Amanda and Joseph

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**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 OF PRAISE No. 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come down to the chancel*

HYMN NO. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM "Sing with the Angels"

Omega JAM and Youth Choirs

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM

"Away in a Manger"

Youth Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10; 62:11-12

ANTHEM

"Carols Around"

Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18

ANTHEM

"Joy to the World"

Alpha and Omega JAM Choirs

\*HYMN No. 40

"Joy to the World"

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Christmas Alleluia"

Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

SERMON

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN NO. 56

"The First Noel"

SONG OF PRAISE

"O Holy Night"

Jennifer Clayton

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