

CTW: Luke 2?

Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Welcome

Video "The Light of the World"

Prayer

Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #31 (Green)

Advent Wreath

"O Holy Night" solo by Heather Hamilton

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Devotion: "Illumination"

Hymn "The Whole World Was Lost in Darkness and Sin" #196 (Green)

"Illumination"

1. Our real condition
 - a. Powerless (created and made to live)
 - b. Sinful
 - c. Broken world
 - d. Broken relationship with God
2. Jesus lived as if nothing in this world mattered
 - a. Obscure birth
 - b. Poor
 - c. No political, social or military power
 - d. He didn't view suffering or a lack of comfort as a problem
 - e. And when the cup of suffering came to Him, He didn't pass on it
3. I said Jesus lived as if nothing mattered but there was one thing
 - a. People mattered
 - b. His mission was our redemption
 - c. He set aside His glory to share our mess

Close—Jesus might have been born in a stable but we were the ones living in filth/sin

Jesus might have not had a penny (or a Christmas gift) but it was our poverty He shared.

Jesus came into our darkness but our sin has not overcome Him for Jesus is the Light of the World.