

WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

7645 Weisenberg Church Road

New Tripoli, PA 18066

July 18, 2021

*Christmas Candlelight in July
with Pastor Jerel, Marie and friends*

PRELUDE:

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

~ Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

TEMPLE TALK BY CINDY COYLE

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP SHARING

RINGING OF THE BELL

***GATHERING SONG**

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

No. 283

***GREETING**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world

Jesus is the light of our lives

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

READING OF THE NATIVITY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

LUKE 1:26-38

HYMN: “*AWAY IN A MANGER*”

No. 277 (verses 1&2)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LUKE 2:1-7

HYMN: “*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*” No. 270 (vs. 1)

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With th’angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

LUKE 2:8-20

HYMN: “*WE THREE KINGS*”

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

MATTHEW 2:1-12

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE BY PASTOR GUY

REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIVITY

OFFERING

“That Christmas Feeling”

~ Benjamin/Weiss

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM:

“O HOLY NIGHT”

~Adam/arr. Smith

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** “WHAT CHILD IS THIS” No. 296 (vs 1)
*What child is this, who, laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are
keeping? This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing Haste, haste to bring Him laud The babe, the son of
Mary*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES**

***HYMN:** “SILENT NIGHT”

No. 281

*Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright 'Round yon virgin
Mother and Child Holy infant so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly
peace Sleep in heavenly peace*

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord at Thy birth Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

***BLESSING:**

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the + Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** "JOY TO THE WORLD"

No. 267

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods Rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

**He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love And wonders of His love**

POSTLUDE:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

~ Broughton

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