Cuba Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2024 6:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: A child is born for US!

People: A son is given to ALL of US!

Leader: We come to see the child that has been born, People: we come to gather in the glow of the stable,

Leader: we come to sing with angels and wonder with shepherds.

People: Come and worship, come and worship!

Worship the one who is born for us this day!

OPENING PRAYER

Ministry of Praise

*OPENING PRAISE SONG:

"Joy to the World"
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymn #201 Hymn #204

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Light the Advent Candle," Stanza 5 FWS # 2090

Ministry of Proclamation

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 *Hope in the Messiah* Page 1072

SONG: "O Holy Night" Hymn # 200

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Page 1591

SONG: "Away in a Manger" Hymn #197

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-20 The shepherds are visited by angels, then

go to the manger. Page 1590

SONG: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymn #191

SERMON: "God's Message of Love" Pastor Becky

Lighting of the Candles

***SONG:** "Silent Night" Hymn #199

We will light our candles as the song "Silent Night" is sung. The central candle of the Advent wreath represents Christ, the Light of the world. As light from the Christ candle is carried to you, you are invited to open your heart to the Light of Christ.

Tip your unlit candle into the flame, then hold your candle upright as the person next to you tips their unlit candle into your light.

As you light the candle of the person next to you do so by declaring "Jesus Christ is the Light of my life."

*BENEDICTION

A CHRISTMAS WISH



May the warm, guiding star drive from your life every shadow; may the glad song of angels find an echo in your heart; may the spirit of worship in the hearts of the wise men, and the simple faith of the shepherds be yours as, once more, you celebrate the birthday of the King

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