



# Merry Christmas! We Are Glad You Are Here!

December 24, 2023 -- 5:00 pm



## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*\* = Stand as you are able.*

Prelude & Welcome

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*Opening Song- "King of Heaven"**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Opening Prayer

**\*Carol #193- "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

Time for Special Offering

**\*Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

**Time for Greeting in Christ**

**\*SONG- "The Lord's Prayer" (It's Yours)**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

*(Readers: Jill Appel, Pastor Kelly Dickson,  
Pastor Brian Craker)*

**1st READING** – The Light Has Come [Isaiah 9:2, 6-7]

**Carol #180– "What Child Is This"**

**2nd READING-** From You O Bethlehem,  
Will Come a Ruler [Micah 5:2-4]

**BAND SPECIAL SONG:**

*"Christmas Eve in Bethlehem"*

**3rd READING** - Gabriel Visits Mary [Luke 1:26-38]

**Carol #169- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**  
**(vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

**4th READING** - The Birth of Jesus [Luke 2:1-7]

**CHOIR-** "Mary's Little Boy Chile"

**5th READING** - Announcement to the Shepherds  
[Luke 2: 8-16]

**6th READING** - "Imagine" [Rick McKinley]

**Carol #197- "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**  
**(vs. 1 & 3)**

**7th READING** - Magi from the East [Matthew 2:1-11]

**8th READING** - "Christmas Snow"  
[Tracy Christensen]

**Carol #183- "I Wonder as I Wander"**

**9th READING** - The Word Became Flesh  
[John 1:1-14]

**Meditation-** "The Day Things Were Different"

*Pastor Brian*

## SPREADING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

**Christmas Eve Prayer**

**Pastor Kelly**

**CHOIR-** "No Golden Carriage"

**\* Lighting of the Christmas Candles**

**\* Carol- "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**\* Benediction**

**\* "Joy to the World" (A cappella)**

**Merry Christmas!**  
**Depart with Joy!**

## Christmas Snow

*A Poem by the late Tracy Christensen (John & Tammy McVean's Niece)*

The snow gentle falls, on the face of the earth,  
reminding us of the meaning of his precious birth.

The cleansing symbol of the snow so white,  
Softly falling... touching all in its flight.

All you have to do, is open your door, and let it in.  
And let its purity clear your sin.

You may be afraid, but what risk is there here,  
Bringing your Heavenly Father so near.

Once His love touches your life,  
it will help you through your greatest strife.

So as the snow falls softly on Christmas Eve,  
**REMEMBER, HE IS COMING...**

**IT'S TIME TO BELIEVE!**



 **CHRISTMAS JOY**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

*your impact*  
Supporting Past, Present,  
and Future Leaders

*December 3 - December 24*



**COATS**  
*for* **KIDS**

Children's coat, hat, and gloves drive for  
Northwest Children's Outreach

Sunday, January 7th Epiphany Sunday

We will start collecting on Sunday,  
December 31st.

**COLLECTING SIZES**  
**NEWBORN - 18 YEARS**



### ASSISTIVE LISTENING

We have visual and hearing devices available at the Deacons table for those who would like to use them.

Please be sure to sign them out from the clipboard available and turn them back in at the conclusion of the service.



**FREE WI-FI:** If you need a WI-FI connection, you are welcome to use our HPC guest networks.