

Schaller, Iowa
December 24, 2024

6:30 P. M.
Christmas Eve

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Judy Fells, Pianist

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
(The Franken Family)**

People: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

First Sunday of Advent

Reader: The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Second Sunday of Advent

Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

People: the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.

Third Sunday of Advent

Reader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

People: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reader: The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child.

People: She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Reader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

People: Amen.¹

CAROL

Joy to the World (verses 1 & 2)

Hymn #125

WELCOME

Courtney Pyle

CHRISMON TREE

Courtney Pyle

Symbols

The Latin Cross

The Anchor Cross

Babe/Manger

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 164). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

CAROL: Away in a Manger (verses 1 & 2) Hymn #157
 Symbols
 The Star of David
 A Five Pointed Star
 The Nativity Star
 An Eight Pointed Star

CAROL: The First Noel (verses 1 & 2) Hymn #136
 Symbols
 The White Rose
 The Shell
 The Angel

CAROL: Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1 & 2) Hymn #132
 Symbols
 The Dove
 The Triquetra
 The Trefoil
 The Crown

CAROL: We Three Kings of Orient (verses 1 & 2) HYMN #166

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #625**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” # 325

THE LORD’S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)

***HYMN “Silent Night! Holy Night!” # 147**

Elders will walk down the aisles with lit candles as we begin singing this hymn, the congregation will be invited to light candles. After the candle lighting is completed, the house lights will be cut and we will sing the final verses by candlelight only.

When lighting your candle, please *tip the unlit candle over the lit candle* to avoid any accidents!

After the hymn is concluded, **PLEASE EXIT THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE**, carrying your lit candle with you -- taking the light of Christ with you out into the world! Candles may then be extinguished and dropped off in a box located in the narthex area and share greetings and fellowship with those around you.

Welcome, one and all, to Christmas Eve worship! Christmas Eve is a joyous time for all who open their hearts and minds to our loving Creator. Let us allow the true meaning of Christmas to stir up love within us.



December 1st thru December 24th



The Christmas Joy Offering envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Corporation/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 12th which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 19th. We will approve Pastor's terms of call, elect officers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Report are due to Denise by Sunday, January 5th, so she can have them ready.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People: People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

The Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Unison Prayer

O God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

