

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem BP165

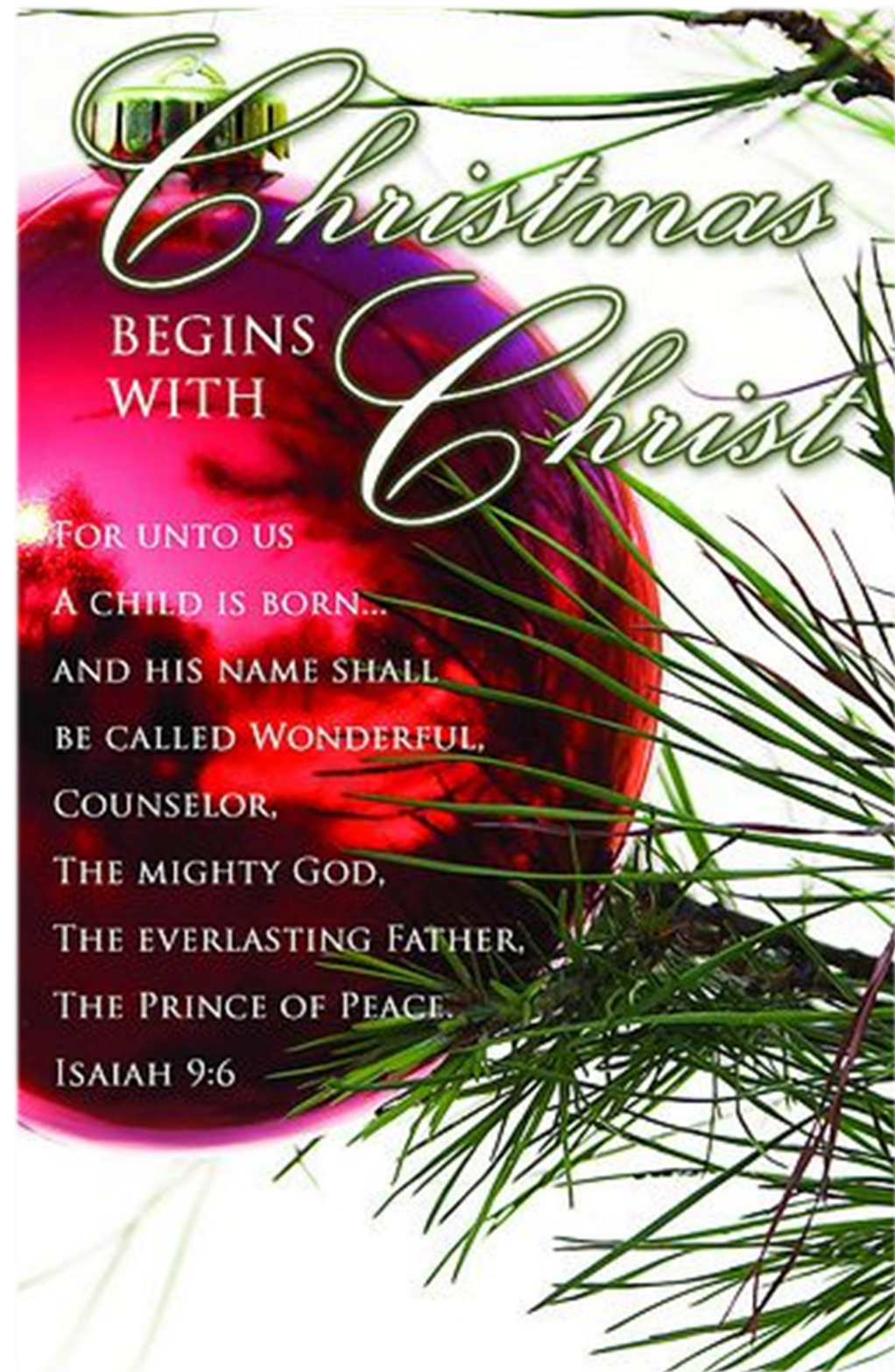
Sermon: "Your Sign"

Carol: Silent Night (BP154)

Benediction (Rev. Dan MacKinnon)

Postlude: Go Tell It On the Mountain (BP133 R, vs. 1, R)

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Welcome to Grace!

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00pm

Lead Elder: Brian Wilson

Preacher: Rev. Daniel MacKinnon

Music Ministry: Kimberley Allen-McGill and the Grace Worship Team

Guest musician – flute – Dawn MacKinnon

Prelude: O Come All Ye Faithful *BP159 vs. 1, 2, 4* (Flute: Dawn MacKinnon)

Welcome and Announcements (Brian Wilson)

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Maureen Martin, Wally/John Adams)

Reader: During Advent, we lit four candles. One for Hope, one for Peace, one for Joy, one for Love. Tonight, we celebrate Jesus, God's gift to our world... God's gift of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

All: Into our troubled world, Jesus comes as God's Word of Hope.

Reader: When the world hoped for healing and liberation, God sent his Son. He healed people and taught us that God is faithful. When Jesus died, all hope seemed lost. But Jesus rose from death; our Hope lives! Jesus will come again as King of the earth. His Kingdom will not end.

All: Into our conflicted lives Jesus comes as God's Word of Peace.

Reader: Jesus died to heal our hurts, to forgive our wrongs, to reconcile us to God and to each other. As we welcome him, his peace transforms our lives and our community. In Jesus, we are forgiven; through Jesus, we receive grace to forgive each other.

All: Into our sorrow, Jesus comes as God's Word of Joy.

Reader: To some terrified sheep-herders, God's angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is for everybody, worldwide: A Saviour has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:8-12)

All: Into fearful or hardened hearts, Jesus comes as God's Word of Love.

Reader: "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again." (Jn 3:16-17)

Lighting of the Christ Candle.

Reader: In the light of the Christ Candle, let's pray:

All: O God, you interrupt our trouble with your Hope. You disrupt our worry and conflict with your Peace. You break into our sorrow with your Joy. You melt our fear with your Love. You are Emmanuel: God with us. Help us welcome your intrusion. Today and every day, help us put our trust in you. Amen.

Candle Lighting Song: A Candle is Burning by Sandra Dean

(Tune: Away in a Manger- James R. Murray. Public Domain)

Reading: Luke 1:26-35 (Brian Wilson)

Special Music: Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant (Kim Allen-McGill, Dawn MacKinnon)

Carol: Angels from the Realms of Glory *BP146 vs.1,3,5*

Offertory Anthem: Tiny Baby, Starry Night by Nancy Price, Don Besig

Offertory Response: In the Bleak Midwinter *BP145 vs. 4*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Rev. Dan MacKinnon)

Reading: Luke 2:15-16 (Brian Wilson)

Carol: Away in a Manger *BP149*

Reading: Luke 2:17-20 (Brian Wilson)

Carol Sing: Hallelujah Christmas (2 vs.) / What Child is This? (*BP161 vs. 1*) / While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night (*BP138 vs. 1-3*) / Angels We Have Heard on High (*BP147 vs 1,3*)

Reading: Isaiah 7:1-14 (Rev. Dan MacKinnon)