

Christmas Eve December 24, 2023

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" - Leesa Tilstra & Ann Mulder

Responsive Reading for Isaiah 9:1-7

Leader: Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan.

Response: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Leader: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

Response: For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Leader: Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

Response: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

All: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

* #157 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Opening Prayer

Meditation - The Nativity

Lighting of the Christ Candle Video- "While You Were Sleeping"

#169 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Lighting of the candles)

#171 "Silent Night"

Silent Prayer

#183 "O Holy Night"

Video-"Somewhere in Your Silent Night" (Extinguishing the candles)

* #191 "Hark!! The Herald Angels Sing"

Dismissal