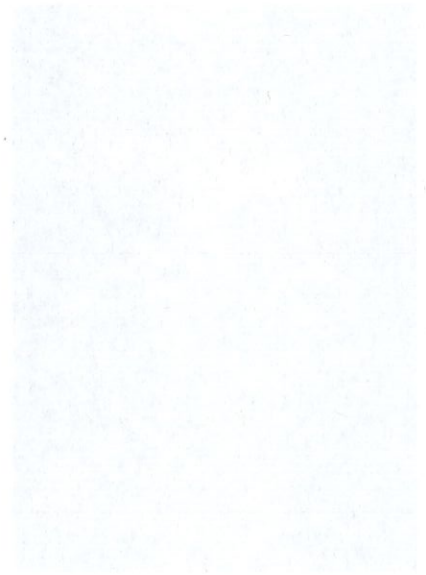


SILENT NIGHT!
HOLY NIGHT!



SON OF GOD,
LOVE'S PURE LIGHT...



Merry Christmas Eve! Tonight, we gather as one family — God's family — to celebrate the greatest gift ever given: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Whether you've been part of this church for decades or tonight is your very first visit, you belong here. This is a night of joy, of hope, and of peace. So take a deep breath, let the busyness of the season fade away, and prepare your heart to worship the One who came to bring light into our darkness.

Hymn #157 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Responsive Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**On those living in the land of deep darkness a light
has dawned.**

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.

Of the greatness 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.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Opening Prayer

Solo "Noel" - Anna Lind

Message – "The Heart of Christmas"

Hymn #191 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 1:1-14, 8:12

Hymn #176 "Away in a Manger"

Lighting of the candles

Hymn #171 "Silent Night"

Silent Prayer

Please extinguish your candles.

Hymn #173 "Joy to the World"

Dismissal

