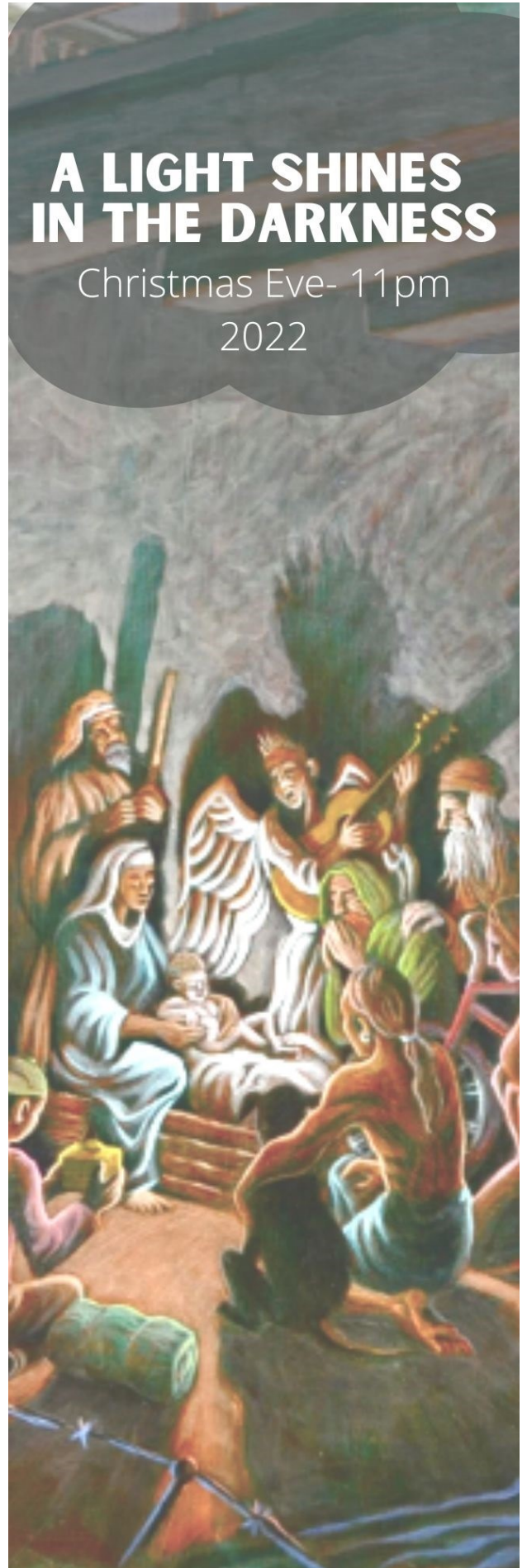


A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

Christmas Eve- 11pm
2022

Christmas Day Worship
Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am
Come and Worship the New Born King!

**Come as you are (Pajamas are welcome) for
carols, coffee and cinnamon rolls - or live
stream the service!**



Prelude Three Settings of “Lo, How a Rose
E'er Blooming”
Hildebrand, Shows, Cherwien

An Approaching Peace

Anthem “Our Savior Has Come”
Johnson/Cerneka

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7 Allison Maus

Anthem—A Voice Cries Out,
“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Lloyd Larsen

A Hopeful Decision

Luke 1:26-38 Reed Dressler

From “Six Recognition of the Lord”
By Mary Oliver
Mariele Wassom

Of course I have always known you
are present in the clouds, and the
black oak I especially adore, and the
wings of birds. But you are present
too in the body, listening to the body,
teaching it to live, instead of all
that touching, with disembodied joy.
We do not do this easily. We have
lived so long in heaven of touch,
and we maintain our mutuality, our
physicality, even as we begin to
apprehend the other world. Slowly we
make our appreciative response.
Slowly appreciation swells to
astonishment. And we enter the dialogue
of our lives that is beyond all under-
standing or conclusion. It is mystery.
It is love of God. It is Obedience.

Reflective Art
The Annunciation by Daniel Bonnell

A Joyful Recognition

Luke 1:39-42 Allison Maus

Perhaps this day
Will be the mountain
Over which
The dawn breaks.

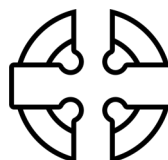
Perhaps we
Will turn our face
Toward it,
Toward what has been
Always.

Perhaps our eyes
Will finally open
In ancient recognition,
Willingly dazzled,
Illuminated at last.

Perhaps this day
The light begins
In us.

Postlude “Joy to the World”
Kristina Langlois

John Porter, Interim Pastor
Allison Maus, Associate Pastor in Campus and Young
Adult Ministries
Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and
Program
Reed Dressler, Director of Youth Ministry
Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry
Laura Essinger-Hileman, Chrysalis Coordinator



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*Hymn No. 134 v.1&2

“Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature
sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all
their songs employ, while fields and
floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat
the sounding joy, repeat the sound-
ing joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding
joy.**

* Benediction

Allison Maus

“Where the Light Begins” by Jan Richardson

Perhaps it does not begin.

Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes
A lifetime
To open our eyes,
To learn to see
What has forever
Shimmered in front of us—

The luminous line
Of the map
In the dark,

The vigil flame
In the house
Of the heart,

The love
So searing
We cannot keep
From singing,

From crying out
In testimony
And praise

“Leap!” By Drew Jackson

John Porter

The dream
Is no longer
Deferred.

So we leap!
We can’t help it!

It rises up from within.
From deep, guttural places.
You can’t contain our dance!

Feel the pit-pat!
Hear the tip-tap!
That’s the rhythm of freedom.

Let the babies dance!
Let them tell us of salvation.
Let them lead us to liberation!

The babies are inviting us
Into the dance of a future
On the threshold of birth.

And we will leap!
We will leap!
We will leap!

All the way there!

Reflective Art

The Visitation by James P. Janknet

A Loving Welcome

Matthew 1:18-25

Mariele Wassom

Reflective Art

The Apparition by James Tissot

Hymn No. 88

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(verse 1,2 & 7)

A Hope Realized

Luke 2:1-7

Reed Dressler

Reflective Art

Te tamari no atua (Translation: The Son of God)
By Paul Gauguin

Anthem "Rose of Bethlehem"
Arranged by Keith Christopher

A Wondrous Declaration

Luke 2:8-14 John Porter

"Arrival" by Maya Angelou
Reed Dressler

Angels gather.
The rush of mad air
Cyclones through.
Wing tips brush the
Hair, a million
Strands
Stand; waving black anemones.
Hosannahs crush the
Shel's ear tender, and
Tremble
Down clattering
To the floor.
Harps sound,
Undulate their
Sensuous meanings.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
You
Beyond the door

Reflective Art
Seeing Shepherds by Daniel Bonnell

Anthem "Angels Singing"
Gwyneth Walker

A Glorified Revelation

Luke 2:15-20 Mariele Wassom

Reflective Art
No Room at the Inn by Russell Brutsche

Hymn No. 145 "What Child is This"

Invitation of Offering Allison Maus

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, We praise you as our Creator, Savior, and Comforter. Thank you for coming near to us, to live humbly on earth, as the Prince of Peace. May your Spirit inspire our thanks, not just during this season, but throughout our lives, that we may fully be beacons of your love and peace. Amen.

Offertory "What is this lovely fragrance"
Arranged by Manz

Communion

Invitation to the table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Breaking of Bread
Pouring of Cup
Sharing of Bread and Cup

Anthem "What is this lovely fragrance"
Arranged by Ferguson

Prayer after Communion

Sharing of the Light John Porter

*Hymn No. 122 "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.