

*Wishing Everyone*

*a very*

*Merry Christmas*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANCE**

Please take a few minutes this evening to review the sign up sheet in the Narthex for readers and actors for the Sunday, December 29th Service. A version of a living nativity will be created. Please sign up if you can help with the telling of this story of Salvation's History.

**THANK YOU** to Larry and Julie Possehl for donating the bulletin cover in memory of all those who have lighted our past and all those who are still here shining brightly with love.

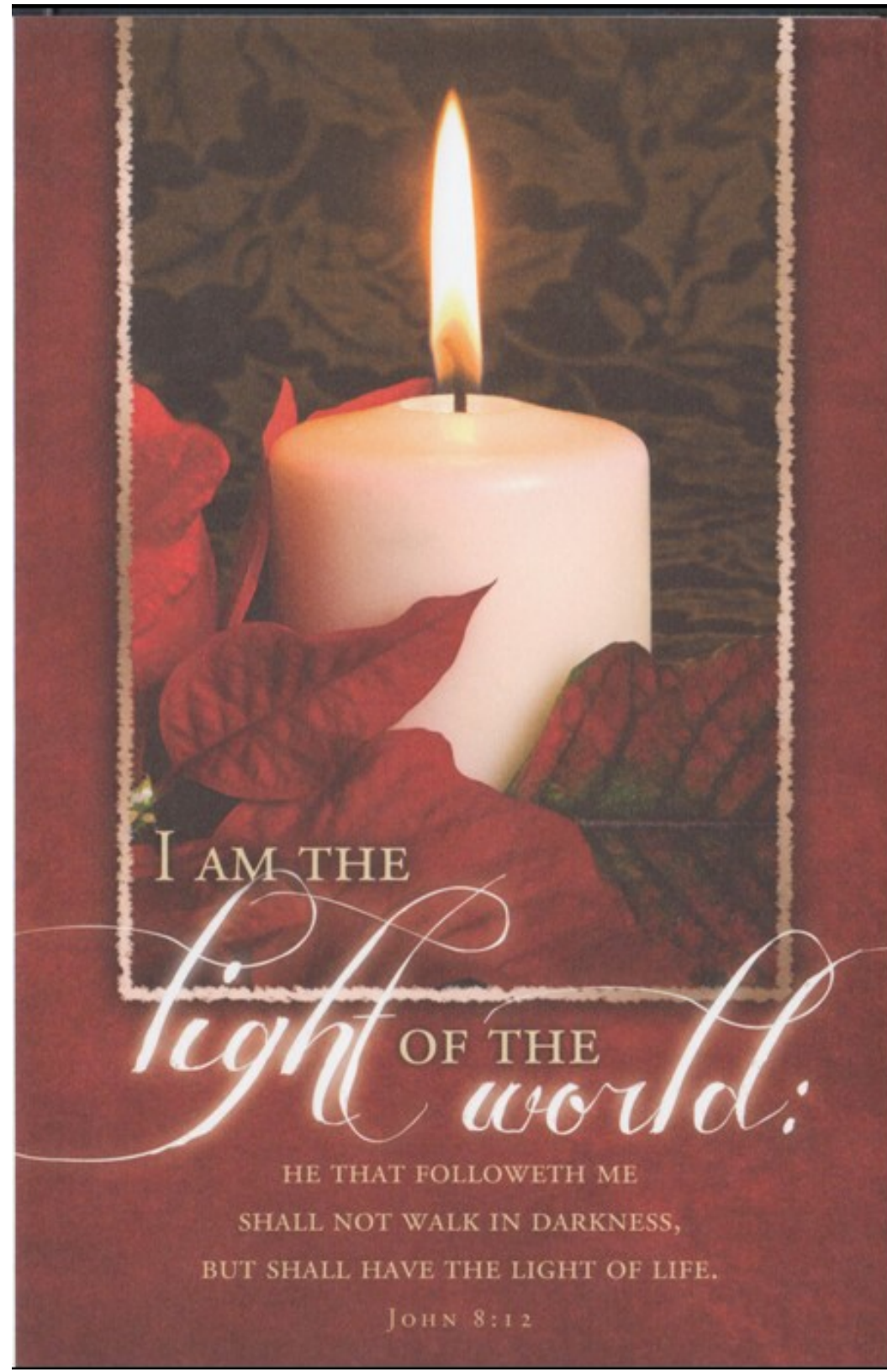
**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Ministers: All the People  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM

Three Chimes signal the beginning of Worship  
*Learning to Live and Love like Jesus*

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.  
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

### PRELUDE:

Announcements and \*Time of Christian Greeting

\*Indicates those able may stand

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

#### \*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

God of every nation and people, you have always chosen to love us.

**When our need for a Savior was clear you sent your Son—a baby, born to Mary.**

Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us, has offered us joy, peace, justice, mercy and love.

**Lord, bless all who look upon this candle.**

Bless all who come near the manger this night.

**Let the message of light and love, the message of God caring for us as we care for the most vulnerable, touch our hearts in a new way tonight.**

We still seek to be transformed by the light of the world.

**Let the Christ candle burn as a sign: we seek to live and love like Jesus. Amen.**

\*HYMN: - # 218 (Blue Hymnal)

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

### TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2b-7 (NRSV)**

#### CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

**HYMN: - #230 (Blue Hymnal) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)**

**HYMN:- #217 (Blue Hymnal) “Away in a Manger”**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)**

**HYMN: - # 220 (Blue Hymnal)**

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “When a Child is Born”**

**Lori Burkhardt, Soloist**

**MESSAGE: “A Silent Night that Stills the Chaos”**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM: #137 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 23**

**HYMN: #246 (Blue Hymnal) “Joy to the World”**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**THE LORDS PRAYER #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**OFFERTORY:** To worship God is to serve God and neighbor. May our gifts flow from faithful hearts and become blessing for others.

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “On This Christmas Night”**

**Lori Burkhardt and Sharon Fangsrud**

\***DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”**

#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER:

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sin and restore within us the image and likeness of the God who made us, the God whom we give everlasting praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\***HYMN: - #239 (Blue Hymnal) “Silent Night”**

(As we dim the lights, the candle light will be shared by the ushers. Please share the light with your neighbor. Thanks to Lee Jensen for providing battery candles for all the children).

### TO BE SENT FORTH

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING:**