

*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 28th 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.

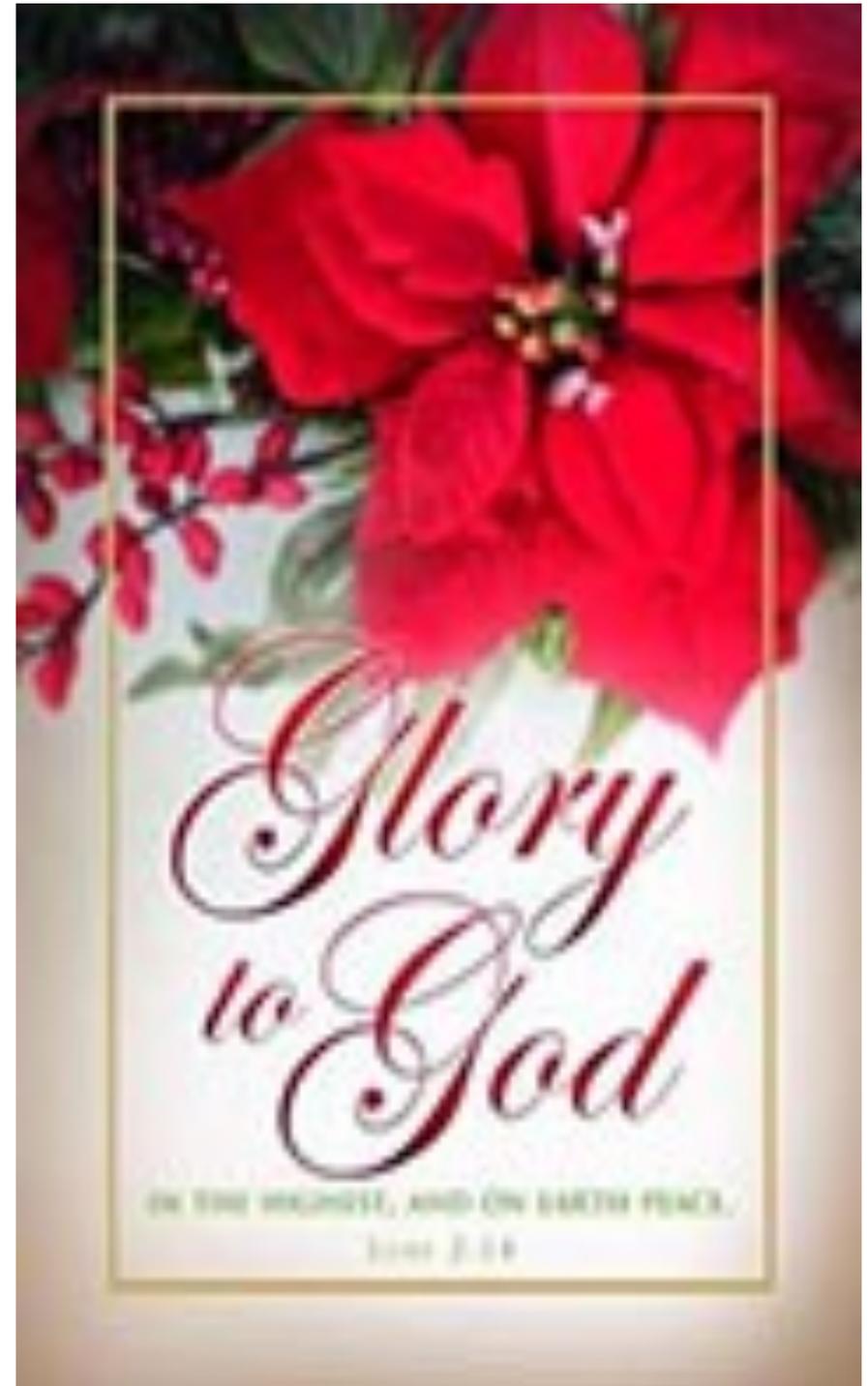
**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Ministers: All the People  
Guest Organist: Lee Horner  
Scripture Readers: Judith Eide

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein  
Ushers: Jean Mann and  
Naomi Grow

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2014

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM

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Nurturing Hope—Building Christ-like Community

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

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and worship.

#### PRELUDE:

Welcome & Announcements

\*Indicates those able may stand

**CALL TO WORSHIP: #234 (Blue Hymnal) vv. 1 & 3**  
**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**\*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Margaret Wagner**  
God of every nation and people, you have always chosen to love us.

**We clearly needed a Savior and 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: Stephanie Grow**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Mary Did You Know?”**

Lori Burkhardt, Soloist

**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”**

**MESSAGE: “Messengers of Light & Life”**

**HYMN: #240 (Blue Hymnal) “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

**SHARING OF JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

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

**PRAYERS: Del Larson**

**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.

**\*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.*

### TO BE SENT FORTH

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING:**

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