

FAIRLAWN CRC

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 5:00 P.M.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer for Christmas Eve:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven, where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- * Song: "Once in Royal David's City" PH 346:2,3,4,5
vs. 1: Solo
vs. 2-5: Congregation stands and joins in singing

- * God's Greeting:

SCRIPTURE AND SONG: PERSPECTIVES ON JESUS' BIRTH

Scripture Readings: For Romans: Jesus is a man of authority and action.
Mark 1:4, 7-8, 14-15
For Philosophers: Jesus is the wisdom of God.
John 1:1-4, 14

Choir: "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Harry Simeone

Scripture Readings: For Jews: Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies.
Matthew 1:18-23
For Outsiders: All kinds of people are included.
Luke 1:50-53

Solo: "Almost There" by Michael W. Smith

Scripture Readings: For Legalists: We have freedom in Jesus.
Galatians 4:4-7
For the Persecuted: Jesus has everything under control.
Revelation 12:1-5

Song: "On Christmas Night"

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Message: *God's Army*

Luke 2:8-20 (page 1014)

Prayer of Response

* Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PH 347:1,3

SERVICE OF LIGHT: THE COMING OF THE LIGHT IN JESUS CHRIST

Songs: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"What Child Is This"

"Silent Night"

Closing Prayer

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

* Doxology: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PH 350:1,2,3

* Postlude: "The Messiah Medley"

arr. Don Wyrzten

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Pastor John Gorter

Advent Readers: The DeWeerd Family

Candle Lighters: Emelyn DeWeerd, Justin Vos

Liturgists: Beth Banning, Russ Vander Baan, Cara Zabilansky, Nathanael Vos

Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Organ: Lisa Vos

Brass: Vos Family | Soloist: Morgan Gramlich

Choir Director: Lisa Vos

Prayer for Christmas Eve adapted from Worship Sourcebook, p.478, E.1.16

MAY THE JOY OF THE SAVIOR'S COMING BE WITH YOU! We are glad that you have joined us at Fairlawn this evening for a special service of celebration as we remember the birth of Jesus Christ and the wonder of God's promise of peace on earth and goodwill to those on whom his favor rests. We also welcome those joining us via the livestream on our YouTube channel. To learn more about Fairlawn and its ministry, connect with us via our website or social media or speak to one of the greeters after the service.