

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



THE LORD SHALL BE THINE

everlasting light.

ISAIAH 60:20



December 24, 2023 • 7 PM

Highland Christian Reformed Church

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Prelude

Opening Song: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (vs 1-2)

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Responsive Reading

Scripture: Luke 2: 16-20

Sermon: “In Expectation of Great Things”

The Christmas Story

First Lesson: Paradise Lost

Scripture: Genesis 3: 6–15; 21-24

Hymn: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (vs 1-2)

Second Lesson: God’s Promises Made Known

Scripture: Genesis 17: 1-8

Hymn: “I Am Your God, We Are Your People” (vs 3-4)

Third Lesson: God Reveals Christ

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Hymn: “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” (vs 1, 3)

Fourth Lesson: The Stump of Jesse

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1-3)

Fifth Lesson: The Announcement to Mary

Scripture: Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38

Special Music: “Breath of Heaven

Sixth Lesson: The Gift of a Savior

Scripture: Luke 2: 4–7

Hymn: “What Child is This” (vs 1, 3)

Seventh Lesson: The Angels Announcement

Scripture: Luke 2: 8–15

Hymn: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vs 1-3)

Eighth Lesson: The Wise Men

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1–11

Hymn: “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Ninth Lesson: The Mystery of the Incarnation

Invitation for Congregation to Circle the Sanctuary

Scripture: Gospel of John 1: 1–14

Hymn: “Silent Night” (vs 1, 2, 4, repeat 1)

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery: Diane Eisenga, Dana Baas, Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas

Ushers: Steve Meeuwenberg, Isaac Baas, Dale Taylor, Aaron Pluger