

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday 7:00 P.M. December 24, 2023

Joint Service with Clinton Haitian Church of the Nazarene

Call to Worship – *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* (English and *Français*)

**** Opening Carol: #191 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Scripture Reading – *Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15*

**** Christmas Songs – *en Français* (From *Bulletin Insert*)**

Écoutez! Un Saint Cantique

Il Est Né, Le Roi du Monde

Lighting the Christ Candle (From *Bulletin Insert*)

**** Christmas Carol: #200 *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Scripture Reading – *Luke 2:8-16*

**** Christmas Carol: #202 *What Child Is This?* (Next page →)**

Message: *The forgotten man of Christmas*

Lighting of candles in congregation:

**** Closing Carol: *Silent Night* (Words on back of bulletin)**

**** Congregation Please Stand**

What Child Is This?

Words by: William C. Dix

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Joseph is a man of quiet strength and integrity

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.