



**Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2020  
Indian Falls United Methodist Church**

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**Prelude**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*Julie Klotzbach*

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

# 234

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*Refrain:*

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
(Refrain)*

**Lighting the Advent Candles & Christ Candle**

Lynn & Patty Schafer

*(Light 4 Advent Candles)*

**Reader:**

Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like Him, answering His call and following in His footsteps.

*(Light Christ Candle)*

**Reader:**

We rejoice in God’s steadfast presence in our lives, and in God’s unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, And lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

**Sung Response**

Mikayla, Charles, Allie Stringham

*Light the Advent Candle*

*(verse 5)*

*Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;  
birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.*

*Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter’s night;  
candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

**Special Music:**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Leah Bisson, Julie Klotzbach

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6

Jack Olsen

**Special Music:**

Christmas Song  
*(by Marc Pritchard)*

Rev. Dr. D. Gregory VanDussen

**Scripture Reading:**

Luke 1:26-38

Dana Phelps

**Special Music:**

Silent Night

Handbell Choir

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 1:18-25

Andrew Fauth

**Hymn:** Angels We Have Heard On High # 238

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain:*

*Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise,  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.*

*(Refrain)*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:4-7 Rodney Stringham

**Hymn:** Away in a Manger # 217

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-20 Everett Hartz

**Special Music:** O Holy Night Leah Bisson

**Christmas Message:** "Good News of Great Joy" Rev. Karen McCaffery

**Special Music:** Go Tell It on the Mountain Handbell Choir

**Sharing the Light with Each Other and the World**

*Please light your candle to remember  
Jesus is the Light that breaks thru the darkness of the world  
bringing us hope, peace, joy, love and life!*

*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 host 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.*

*Silent Night, Holy Night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

## Benediction

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy.*