



Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:20,21

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 2022

Redeemer Monkton/First Logan/Saint Pauls Tavistock Lutheran Churches  
Pastor Michael Mayer

*On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.*

**PRELUDE: #382, "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth"**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PROPHECY**

*Isaiah 62:1-4a*

**NEW TESTAMENT HYMN #364, "Away in a Manger"**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 1:1-6*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 1:18b-21*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #366, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CANDLELIGHT HYMN: #363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN TO DEPART: #387, "Joy to the World"**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE: #360, "All My Heart Again Rejoices"**

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