



# Christmas Eve 2011

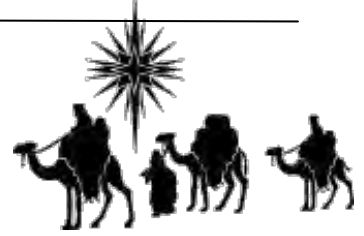
## 9:00 P.M.

### Whitefish United Methodist Church

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#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING



#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see—in the deepest night, there rises the star of morning, of birth, the herald of a new day God is making.

**People: Watch for the dawning of a day of great joy in faint glimmers of light and love.**

Leader: Listen for the whispers of peace in the stillness, fresh winds of promise stirring.

**People: Hear the baby's cry of need and hope---it's Christmas!**

Leader: In the darkness, see the light, and find comfort and confidence in its promise. For the darkness cannot overcome it.

**People: We rejoice in Christ's light and love and pray to nourish them in ourselves and in the world.**

**ALL: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

#### \*CAROL "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 1&3) #234

- 1) 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; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 3) Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing all ye citizens of heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

#### CANTICLE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS #205

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

- 1) O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the ever-lasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2) For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

#### THE PROPHET'S PROMISE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

#### CAROL "Joy to the World" (vs. 1&4) #246

- 1) 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.
- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

#### PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

(The Christmas offering will be dedicated to Neighbors in Need, Intermountain Children's Home, and the ministries of this church.)

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### \*CAROL "Away in a Manger"

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1) 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.

3) Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## SCRIPTURE John 1:1-14

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "Take Part in the Story"

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### CAROL "Silent Night"

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light, with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

## BENEDICTION

Please join us for worship every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. Continue the blessing of this night all year long. Joy to the World!

*Thank you to all musicians and others who helped with our worship this night  
Flowers are given by Eva DeVall in honor of her family*

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