

Silent Night, Holy Night



St. John Sunday School presents:
Silent Night, Holy Night
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2016



PRELUDE: *J. Burns Cowley*

WELCOME: *Wanda Hays*

Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Stand

Children and Congregation

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:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Stand **The Invocation & Responsive Reading**

Leader, *Tristan Hays*: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Leader: We're here to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's own Son,

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God and man. He came to fulfill the promises God gave to His people

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: Jesus taught the people about the love of God our Father

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: He died on a cross for our sin

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: He rose from the dead to give us new life

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: In Jesus, we are free, redeemed children of God

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: We can love God

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: We can love others

All: Because He loves us.

Leader: Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sit **Song: God Loves Me Dearly**

Children and Congregation

1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2. I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain*

3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*

4. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

The Message Presented by the Children

READER 1: *Marlee Blain*

Reading: Little Children, Can You Tell?

Leader: Carlie Parsons

Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?

Children:

Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning.

An Angel Visited Mary

*Jayden Pothoff, J. Burns Cowley, Madyx Blain, Ella Jander,
Maevyn Wunsch, Cody Rangnow and Makenna Coleman*

An Angel Visited Joseph

Maevyn Wunsch, Caden Jander and Luke Moritz

Sit Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound

Children and Congregation

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
2. He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

The Story of Jesus' Birth

*Madison Meyer, Braden Parsons, Ethan Pothoff, Ella Jander,
Jayden Pothoff and Cody Rangnow*

Song: In a Little Stable

The Children

1. In a little stable Far across the sea
Was a little Baby Just like you and me.
2. Not a bed or cradle, Not a pillow deep,
But a lowly manger Was His place to sleep.
3. Oh, I love this Jesus, Who was little then,
For I know He loves me, Little though I am.

See the Baby Jesus

Kaysa Wunsch, Maevyn Wunsch and Jayden Pothoff

Song: Mary Had a Baby

Children and Congregation

1. Mary had a baby, Yes, Lord!
Mary had a baby, Yes, my Lord!
Mary had a baby, Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.
2. What did she name Him? Yes, Lord!
What did she name Him? Yes, my Lord!
What did she name Him? Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.
3. She named the baby Jesus, Yes, Lord!
She named the baby Jesus, Yes, my Lord!
She named the baby Jesus, Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.

Song: Away in a Manger

Carlle Parsons, Ella Jander, Kaysa Wunsch, Jayden Pothoff, Maevyn Wunsch

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with You there.

Angels Announced Jesus' Birth to Shepherds

Leighton Wunsch, Kaysa Wunsch, J. Burns Cowley, Alyssa Blain, Mackenzie Blain

Stand **Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High** *Children and Congregation*

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Response to the Children's Message

Children and Congregation: We listened, we watched, and now we see,
How God sent a Savior for you and me.

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night

Marlee Blain and Megan Ohrt

A Christmas Prayer

Makenna Coleman

Father in heaven, thank You for sending us Your Son and our Savior, Jesus. Thank You for all You have done and continue to do for us in His name. For forgiveness of sin, and for joy, peace, hope, and all spiritual blessings, we give You thanks. Fill our hearts with love for You and for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Benediction

Cason Jander: The Lord bless and keep You in His Christmas grace. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Joy to the World

Children and Congregation

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, 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, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
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,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Closing remarks and Christmas Bags: *Wanda Hays*

THE POSTLUDE: *J. Burns Cowley*

***Thank you to everyone who helped &
participated in our Christmas Program.
Your love & dedication is truly a blessing!***