

Welcome to
Christmas Candlelight
 A Service of Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight
 23 December 2018

Please join with us in raising our voices heartily and joyously when singing hymns and carols, saying prayers and saying "Amen!"



Tonight we Celebrate a Miracle.

"I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness....." John 8:12

The birth of Jesus Christ is being celebrated all over the world. It is being celebrated in various ways, in many languages, by people of all races. For a few hours, many in the world will stop talking of satellites, rockets, and war. For a few hours they will talk of peace on earth and good will toward men. People will exchange their gifts and talk about the Prince of Peace. Imagine the scene in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. It was the night of nights, and yet it had begun as every other night had before it. But it was to become the greatest, most significant night of history. This was the night that would conquer darkness and bring in the day when there would be no more night. This was the night when those who sat in darkness would see a great light. This was the night God brought into the world the One who is "the light of the world." May His light shine in your life this Christmas season!

Bro. Steven Tiner

Prelude		Angie Stone
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (76)		Congregation
Pastoral Bidding		Steven Tiner
Scripture Reading	Gospel of Luke 1: 5-23	Steven Tiner
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (77)		Congregation
Scripture Reading	Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38	Diana Harper
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (251)		Congregation
"Joy To The World! The Lord is Come" (87)		Congregation
"Minuit Chretien"		Doug Pearce & Jennifer Corbin
Lighting of the Christ Child Candle		Steven & Theresa Tiner
Children's Bible Story	Gospel of Luke 2: 1-20	Steven Tiner
"The Birthday of The King/Happy Birthday Jesus" (102)		Congregation
"Away in A Manger" (103)		Congregation
Offertory Prayer		J.D. Sexton
Special Music	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"	Tom Edwards
Service of Light		
<i>Pastor, Steven Tiner, lights a candle from the Advent Wreath, Ushers light their candle from the minister's candle and then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. In passing the light, the lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright, allowing others to light their wicks from the flame. Parents are asked to supervise their children during this portion of the service.</i>		
The Gospel of the Incarnation		John 1: 1-14
"Silent Night, Holy Night"		Congregation
Postlude		Scott Copeland

Please gently extinguish your candles and hold them upright until the wax hardens to avoid dripping wax. Upon your departure kindly place used tapers in the baskets provided. Go forth in the radiant light of Christ.

