

St. John's Lutheran Church

PASTOR: James D. Riley, Jr.

101 W. Martin Street

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CHRISTMAS EVE 2011

7:30PM Worship Service

Organ Prelude Jerry Crites, Organist
Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 283
Call to Worship
Leader: Let us go now to Bethlehem
Congregation: And see this thing that has taken place.
L: Let us ponder in our hearts
C: This birth that the Lord has made known to us.
The Second Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 270
The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20
The Christmas Story Pastor Riley
The Offering

The Junior Choir Anthem

The Candlelighting Ceremony

(During the lighting of the candles the congregation is asked to sing *The First Noel* 300)

The Christmas Prayer
The Benediction
The Final Hymn "Silent Night" 281
Organ Postlude Jerry Crites

ACOLYTES

7:30 PM John Esswein and Roger Thatcher
10:30 PM Andrew and Nicholas Crites

CRUCIFERS

7:30PM John Link 10:30 PM Colin Banks

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. O'Brien, by the family.

Christmas Day Worship

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

Worship Schedule - January 1st

8:30 and 11:00 AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30PM Worship Service

Organ Prelude Jerry Crites, Organist
Entrance Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* 269
(Verse 1 - Solo by Logan Murphy; Verse 2 - Choir; Verses 3, 4 - People)

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your Light has come,
People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
L: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
P: but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.
L: And the nations shall come to your light,
P: and kings to the brightness of your rising.
L: Light dawns for the righteous,
P: and joy for the upright in heart.
L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
P: and give thanks to His holy name!
L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
P: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

The Light Foretold - Isaiah 11:1-9: Luke 1:26-35

Special Music

Away in a Manger

The Light Given - Luke 2:1-20

The Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 279
Sermon **God's Special Gift** Pastor Riley
The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Special Music

Gesu Bambino - Soloist, Ron Weinrich

The Candlelighting Ceremony

(During the lighting of the candles, the congregation is asked to sing *The First Noel* 300)

The Christmas Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Benediction
Closing Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* 281
Organ Postlude Jerry Crites

THANK YOU Kristi Davis, Sherri Feltner and Traci Harden for the wonderful job of arranging our poinsettias!

THANK YOU choirs, choir director and organist for the many hours of rehearsal and your dedication to bring the joy of Christmas through your music.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

7:30 - Jennifer Moss 10:30 - Ron Weinrich