

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2011
4:30 PM**

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/Star of Wonder"
"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

"It's About the Cross"

"Emmanuel"

Scripture *Luke 2:8-11; John 1:1-4; John 8:1-12*

Message *"The Gift That Keeps on Giving"*
Senior Pastor, Craig Jones

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*We light the Christ Candle on this night of nights, signifying
the birth of the Savior of the world!*

Jesus said, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish,
but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the
world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved
through Him."*
John 3:16-17

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me
will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life...In
Him was life, and the life was the light of all people."* —
John 8:12; John 1:4

OUR CALL TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pastor: *Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. If you follow Me,
you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because
you will have the Light that leads to life." Tonight we cel-
ebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world. Our
candles bear witness to that Light, and brighten this time
of celebration.*

**People: In Jesus was life, and His life was the light
of all. The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: *The "light" of the Lord Jesus continues to
shine, as it glows in our lives through our
Christian love and service.*

**People: "So the Word become human and lived
here on earth among us. He was full of
unfailing love and faithfulness. And we
have seen His glory, the glory of the only
Son of the Father.**

Worship Song

"Silent Night"

(The pastor will light his candle from the Christ can-
dle and share his light with the ushers who will
then pass the light to you. Please keep your candle
upright. The receiving candle should be tilted.)

*** CHRISTMAS PRAYER (In Unison)**

**We go our way rejoicing, Lord Jesus. On this,
the night of Your birth, we feel You close. What
we have prepared for and longed for is finally
here. The message of God's love made known to
Your creation has been recalled in clear and
wonderful ways. In Mary-like gratitude we have
reached to touch You with our praise. And now,
as we go, we leave with a song on our lips and
the fingerprints of Your presence in our hearts.
Help us to honor Your day by the way we honor
each other in the celebrations yet to come. In
Your name, O Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Please extinguish your candle at this time.)

"Joy to the World"

Benediction