

 **THE DARKNESS OF OUR WORLD MEETS
THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS:
A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT** 

WESTDALE REFORMED CHURCH
December 24, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP: based on Isaiah 9:2

* Hymn #255 "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

* PROCLAIMING GOD'S GLORY

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

THE PROPHETS MEET THE LIGHT

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Modern Prophet

Hymn #244 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

JOSEPH MEETS THE LIGHT

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

* Hymn #286 "Once in Royal David's City"

MARY MEETS THE LIGHT AND BIRTHS THE LIGHT

Scripture: Luke 1:46-49; 2:1-7

MINISTRY IN MUSIC: "Mary Did You Know"
Karrie & Laurel Seagren

THE SHEPHERDS MEET THE LIGHT

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

MINISTRY IN MUSIC: "The More I Seek You"
Ellen MacRae & Ben Godwaldt

Meditation: "Relying on the Unreliable"

WE SHARE THE LIGHT

HYMN #281 "What Child Is This?"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Hymn #253 "Silent Night"
(As the organist plays "Silent Night," please tip your candle to light it and then light the candle of the person next to you. We ask you then to leave the pew and go to stand along one of the walls. When Pastor Stan instructs, we will begin singing all 3 verses of "Silent Night." Our goal is to surround the Christ Candle, filling the sanctuary with light as we sing. Thus will we symbolize our focus on Christ and our unity in His light.)

***THE BENEDICTION**

We are so glad you came tonight to worship and rejoice in the Wonder of Christmas. Join us tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for Christmas Day worship. We invite you to join us this Sunday and on Sundays in the New Year for worship at 10:00 a.m. May you live in the grace of Jesus Christ, our Light, in this season and in 2012!

Leading Us in Worship:

Readers: David Imiolo, Kyle & Tessa Slote

Ministering in Music:

Ellen MacRae
Ben Godwaldt
Karrie Seagren
Laurel Seagren
Nicole Rice

Pianist: Diane Rice

Organist: Ria Kemper

Preaching: Pastor Stan Seagren

Audio System: Rob Godwaldt

Multi-media: Christine Strong

Greeters: Kyle & Tessa Slote

Nursery Attendants: Erine Haveman, Arianna Godwaldt



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