**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

 *Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022*

**Prelude** Jaci Greig

**\*Gathering Songs** *Joy to the World #270*

**\*Call To Worship**  Julianne Thomas

*One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.*

**Many: A Light has dawned on those living in the land of the shadow of death.**

*One: For to us, a child is born, unto us a son is given.*

**Many: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*One: Today we remember that God came to be with us through Jesus the Christ.*

**All: Tonight we celebrate God’s choice to forever be present with us!**

**\*Invocation**  Julianne Thomas

**Hymns** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks #272*

 *O Come All Ye Faithful #249*

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Visit from the Innkeepers Daughter** Isabelle Jones

**Special Music** *Prayer for Peace* Julianne Thomas

**Hymn** *O Little Town of Bethlehem #250*

**Visit from Caesar, World’s Greatest Mouser**  Tom Bartley

**Hymn** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #279*

**Visit from a Fellow Traveler** Julianne Thomas

**Hymn** *How Great Our Joy*  *#269*

**Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus** Jim & Sue Winton

**Hymn**  *Angels We Have Heard on High #278*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**\*Hymn** *Silent Night*

(As you pass the light, hold the lit candle upright and let the unlit candle tip to be lit)

Verse 1 Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright.

 Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so ten-der and mild,

 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2 Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.

 Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly host sing alleluia.

 Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Verse 4 Silent night, holy night, Song of God, love’s pure light

 Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,

 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

***Please join us tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. for our Christmas Morning service!***

**WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

**GUEST AND MEMBERS:** If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please feel free to contact the church office. Thank you!

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*Congregation*

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“And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.”

Luke 2:6-7 NLT

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