

*Blanco United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service
December 24, 2011 7:00 P.M.*

--HOLY COMMUNION--
---dim lights---

PRELUDE

“Christmas Joy Fanfare” “Unto Us a Boy Is Born, Noel!” Handbells

***PROCESSIONAL** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* UMH 234

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Is Born” “Carol of the Bells” Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this night to celebrate the Savior’s birth.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the holy family gathered in Bethlehem.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the shepherds came from the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather to celebrate as faithful Christian saints have done for centuries.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather with people around the world to worship the newborn Messiah.

O come, all ye faithful!

ADVENT READING

Steve Jester

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Suzanne Jester

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Ken Greene

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brian Hecimovich

HYMN

“What Child Is This”

UMH 219

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Brenda Matheny

***RESPONSE** *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

UMH 204

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN** *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

UMH 218

APOSTLE’S CREED

UMH 882

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7, pg. 638

MEDITATION

Pastor Ken Greene

RESPONSE HYMN

“The First Noel”

UMH 245

***COMMUNION RESPONSE** *“Away In A Manger”* UMH 217

SPECIAL MUSIC *“O Holy Night”* Dorothy Hecimovich

SHARING THE LIGHT Loris and Amy Perkins

Please light the candle of the person next to you. When all candles are lit, we will sing “Silent Night.”

***SENDING FORTH** *“Silent Night”* ALL

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child, holy infant
So tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night, Son 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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend they light
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***DISMISSAL BLESSING** Pastor Ken Greene

“Go in peace as symbols of the light of Christ to the world.”

PLEASE EXIT PRAYERFULLY

(Pastor Ken will dismiss the Congregation by rows. Please keep your candles lit until you exit the Sanctuary. **Merry Christmas and go in peace.**)



LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be,
With God, our Creator,
Family all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my joyous vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.



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