

Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

Candlelight Service – 7 pm

Christmas Eve 2024

**“But when the time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman...”**

Galatians 4:4

A Service of Christmas Meditations

WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIPPING IN LIGHT OF THE INCARNATION

Matthew 2:1-12

WE WORSHIP HIM BECAUSE:

We Needed Him

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor.”

Romans 8:19-22

* HYMN

“O Holy Night”

He Emptied Himself

*“Who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.*

*And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.”*

Philippians 2:6-8

* HYMN

“What Child Is This?”

He Banishes the Darkness

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For I will come and dwell in your midst,” says the Lord. ‘Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day and shall be my people, and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.

“Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

Zechariah 2:10-13

* HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

He Is Lord

*“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:2-6

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

* HYMN "Silent Night"

He is Our Hope

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself."

Philippians 3:20-21

* HYMN "In Christ Alone"

He Has Done It All

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

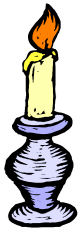
Colossians 1:19-20

* CLOSING HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* BENECTION

* Congregation Standing

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDLES



During the "THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES," those persons nearest the center aisle will have their candles lit by the assistants. From there the lighting will proceed across the pew. In every case, the person whose candle is to be lit will dip their candle toward the lit candle of the person next to them. Following the benediction, the candles will be extinguished and collected at the door.