

All Sanctuary lights, except for the sconces, are now to be turned off (by Tom). The ushers (Roger, Linda, John Deb) will pass out the candles, and the congregants will turn them on. The sconces should now be turned off (by Tom), as we sing (a cappella):

#236, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

What if God's Light had never come to earth?

But God's Light did come to earth, in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son (John 1:4-5), "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it."

Benediction- Jake

Let us, like those first shepherds, worship and spread the word to all who will listen, the Savior has come! Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, and "[everyone] who follows Him will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)

Merry Christmas!

(The Candles will be collected by the ushers at the exit doors.)

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2023

First Baptist Church Waldport, 7 PM



O Come, Let Us Adore HIM, CHRIST the LORD!

Christmas Eve Program

Piano: Bill ~ Organ: Bonnie
Leading Hymns: Alda, Nancy, Steve
Audio/Visuals: Doug
Readers: Pastor Mike, Jim, Dave, Jake
Ushers: Tom, Roger, Linda, John, Deb

Welcome & Prayer – Jake

Overview of Christmas – Mike

**We'll sing all verses of all hymns.*

(please stand) #231, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(please be seated) Luke 1:26-35 – Jim

#218, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Matthew 1:18-25 – Dave

#242, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:1-7 – Jake

#223, "The First Noel"

Luke 2:8-14 – Mike

(please stand) #222, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

(please be seated) Luke 2:15-20 – Jim

#250, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#224, Joy to the World

'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came - Dave

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house,
Not a creature was praying, not the man or his spouse.
Their Bibles weren't read, they had no concern,
That Jesus had said, He soon would return.
All the children were getting ready for bed,
Not one ever kneeling or bowing a head.
The wife in her rocker with a cat in her lap,
Was watching the Late Show while the man napped.
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
The man sprang to his feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window he flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!
When what to his wondering eyes should appear,
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,
They knew in a moment this must be The Day!
The light of His face made them cover their heads,
It was Jesus returning just like He had said!
And though they possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
They cried when they saw Him in spite of themselves.
In the Book of Life that He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved child, woman & man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for their names, then
He said, "they aren't here," and their heads hung in shame.
The People whose names had been written with love,
He gathered to take to His Father above.
All those who were ready rose up with no sound,
While everyone else was left there on the ground.
For this man and his wife it was too late,
They had waited too long and thus sealed their fate;
They stood and they cried, as everyone rose out of sight,
Oh, if only they had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing near;
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

- anonymous