

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022

Ponder His Promises

Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
-Luke 2:19

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – 354 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Introduction

Mary pondered all the things that happened to her and all the words she heard. We should ponder too as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Ponder God’s mercy and grace. Ponder God’s ancient promises and how he fulfilled them in Jesus his Son.

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God gave Mary many things to ponder! By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary would have a son. This child would be holy and sinless. He would be the Son of God. God also gave Mary the faith to believe such an amazing promise.

RECITATIONS from Luke 1:26-38

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Mary’s son would fulfill all of God’s earlier promises. He would be a descendant of David the son of Jesse. He would be filled with the Holy Spirit. His word would bring justice and righteousness. And he would establish a kingdom of peace.

RECITATIONS from Isaiah 11:1-9

CHOIR & CHILDREN – (338) “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

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God had promised that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. So at just the right time, God brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

RECITATIONS from Luke 2:1-7

UPPER GRADES HYMN – 339 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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Through Mary, God fulfilled a promise he had made all the way back at the beginning. In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve rejected obedience to God. They chose to believe the devil’s lie. So God cursed the serpent. At the same time, God said that an offspring of woman would crush the serpent’s head.

RECITATIONS from Genesis 3:8-15

MID & LOWER GRADES HYMN – 361 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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No mighty kings or rich nobles witnessed the Savior’s birth. Instead, God sent angels to tell humble shepherds that their Savior had been born. They would see the baby and praise God for such a wonderful gift.

RECITATIONS from Luke 2:8-12

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – 353 “Joy to the World”

RECITATIONS from Luke 2:13-20

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God’s promise is for all people. Jesus came to save every nation. Every person living in the darkness of sin has a reason to rejoice. God has come to rescue them!

RECITATIONS from Isaiah 9:2,6-7

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – 347 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

RECITATIONS from Matthew 2:1-12

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – 333 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is the light of the world. By him, God has removed the darkness of sin. He has brought the light of life to every nation.

RECITATIONS from John 1:1-14

CHILDREN HYMN – 350 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

RECITATIONS from Isaiah 60:1-6

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO – “O Holy Night”

CANDLELIGHT HYMNS

340 “Away in a Manger”

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and take us to heaven to live with you there.

337 “Silent Night”

- 1 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.

- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

- 3 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.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CHOIR – 364 “Love Has Come”

DUET – “Emmanuel”

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***Tonight’s Christmas Eve bulletins are
in loving memory of Floyd Kastens
from his family.***

Serving today:

Organist: Jill Dettman **Choir Director:** Chrissy Forcier
Altar Guild: Betty Henke & Donna Telecky **Elder:**
Video: Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Lily DeVries
Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann,
Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks



Poinsettias Donated by:	In Memory of:
Peggy and Mike Brekke	Gary Brekke Our Parents and Grandparents
Lily DeVries	Grandma and Grandpa DeVries
Wanda and Brian Gauer	Our Loved Ones in Heaven
Steve and Wendy Hellwig	Our Loved Ones in Heaven
Paula Johnson	Doug Benage Dawn Nass
Larry and Karen Koepp	Jason Koepp, Mike and Elfrieda Koepp Donna Jahner
Lynn and Patty Mackedanz	Our Loved Ones
Carl and Elva Nass	Dawn Nass Doug Benage
Kari Paredes	Joshua Halloff
Betty Rusch	Earl and Lillie Rusch
David and Marilyn Rusch	Our Loved Ones Harold and Marie Plamann
Dave and Donna Telecky	Roger Plamann Howard and Ronnie Telecky
Michael & Julie Thompson Eric, Jenna & Nora Thompson	Quinton and Bea Thompson Deloris Thompson Floyd Kastens
Elizabeth, Ted & Liam Grof	
Steve and Cindy Wendorff	Our Loved Ones in Heaven

Upper Grades (4-8 grades) – Teacher: Barb DeVries

Avery Kohls - 8
 Samuel DeVries - 7
 Aaden Gosse - 7
 Makenna Plamann - 7
 Emma Hoff - 6
 Cody Black - 5
 Stella Clark - 5
 Joseph DeVries - 5
 Bennett Kohls - 5
 Ellie Podratz - 5
 Kyle Rasmussen - 4

Middle Grades (1-3 grades) – Teacher: Deb Plamann

Kate Black - 3
 Alex DeVries - 3
 Aubree Mackedanz - 3
 Megan Plamann - 3
 Brynlie Podratz - 3
 Gavin Wersal - 2
 Lily Mackedanz - 1
 Lane Rasmussen - 1
 Tyson Schmeling - 1
 Ezekial Halloff - 1

Lower Grades (Preschool and Kindergarten) – Teacher: Amanda Weber

Asher Krajsa - K
 Easton Podratz - K
 Jaxon Schmeling - K
 Harper Clark - P4
 Mason Wersal - P4
 Delilah Palmer - P4
 Isabella Krajsa - P3

Choir: Directed by Chrissy Forcier

Chrissy Forcier, Lily DeVries, Barb DeVries, Deb Plamann, Miranda Heine, Kim Schmeling, Mike Heine, Andy Prieve, Pastor DeVries, Brian Gephart