

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2024 ~ 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Phil Westra

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Christ Candle Reading and Prayer

*Song: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** Red 76 vs 1, 3, 4

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song: **"Joy to the World"** Red 92

"Mary's Song" a Poem by Luci Shaw

God's Calling: *Hebrews 12: 2 – 3*

Prayer and Repentance and Praise

*Song: **"Silent Night, Holy Night"** Red 85

The Good News: *Luke 2: 10 – 11*

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **I John 4: 9 – 12** (p 1074)

Message: **"Sharing the Love of Christmas"**

Prayer of Application

*Song: **"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"** Red 93 vs 2, 3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: Mariah & Desi Prins, Abbigail Carlson

Saxophone Trio

Offering: **The Banquet**

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"** Red 98 vs 2, 3

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes

Power Point: Alan Visser family

Video: Levi Westra

Audio: Ben Reitsma

Greeters: Bob & Linda Oldenkamp, Roy & Jeri Prins

Nursery: Joy Vander Werff, Bella Alons

Valet Parking: Nick Schilling

Doors: Larry Stanley

"Mary's Song"

Blue homespun and the bend of my breast
keep warm this small hot naked star
fallen to my arms. (Rest ...
you who have had so far
to come.) Now nearness satisfies
the body of God sweetly. Quiet he lies
whose vigor hurled
a universe. He sleeps
whose eyelids have not closed before.
His breath (so slight it seems
no breath at all) once ruffled the dark deeps
to sprout a world.
Charmed by doves' voices, the whisper of straw,
he dreams,
hearing no music from his other spheres.
Breath, mouth, ears, eyes
he is curtailed
who overflowed all skies,
all years.
Older than eternity, now he
is new. Now native to earth as I am, nailed
to my poor planet, caught that I might be free,
blind in my womb to know my darkness ended,
brought to this birth
for me to be new-born,
and for him to see me mended
I must see him torn.

- Luci Shaw