

☆☆ *Welcome To Lessons and Carols Worship* ☆☆

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 am **NEW YEAR'S EVE** 2023



WELCOME JOY IVINS, *Worship leader*

PIANIST KAREN SCHWEINFEST

Song lyrics: refer to The Greater Cincinnati Christmas Carols Songbook

GATHERING SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (PAGE 283)

DIALOGUE **Christmas Dialog and Greeting** Joy Ivins & All

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
By day and night he shines for all to see.
Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
that the world may see the justice and richness of God.
God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of our lives.
Sing to God a new song!
A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER Joy Ivins

LESSONS and CAROLS

1ST READING Micah 5:2-5a Jerry Ivins

HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (ELW 279)

2ND READING Luke 1:26-35, 38 Lana Albright

HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)

3RD READING MATTHEW 1:18-25 Bonnie Long

HYMN *Away in a Manger* (ELW 277)

4TH READING Luke 2:8-20 Karen Schweinfest

HYMN *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (ELW 282)

5TH READING MATTHEW 2:1-11 Mike Schweinfest

HYMN *What Child is This* (ELW 296)

6TH READING JOHN 1:1-14 Ron Long

HYMN *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)



RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Joy Ivins & All

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

(ELW 289)

