

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Pastor Aaron Greydanus

Prelude

Call to Worship Litany – Blake Greenwaldt

Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* - LH 78

\*Confession of Faith: Lord's Day 14, Q&A 35 & 36

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 4:4-5**

Meditation: **Why Not Now?**

Prayer

Offering

### Lessons and Carols

Scripture: **Genesis 3:8-19** - Melanie Beerman

\*Song: *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* - LH 61

Scripture: **Genesis 22:15-18** - Chloe Bendickson

Song: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* - LH 56

Scripture: **Isaiah 9:1-7** - Derrick Beerman

Song: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* - Celebration 251

Scripture: **Isaiah 11: 1-9** - Matthew Bestge

\*Song: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* - LH 79

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-38** - Ari Greydanus

Song: *Mary Did you Know* - Solo: Morgan Taatjes

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-7**

Song: *Away In a Manger* (Children Only) - LH 86 vs. 1

\*Song: *Joy to the World!* - LH 92

Scripture: **Luke 2:8-20** - Jaimi Heida

Song: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* - LH 80

Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-12** - Tyler Wubben

Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - LH 88

Scripture: **John 1:1-14** - Tyler Heida

\*Song: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - LH 76

Communion with Our Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: *Silent Night! Holy Night* - LH 85

Postlude

*\*Stand if able*

## A History of "Silent Night"

Joseph Mohr was born in Salzburg, Austria, the home of Mozart and, later of the Von Trapp singers – one of the most musical towns in the world. He became the priest of the parish church of Saint Nicholas in the nearby village of Oberndorf, and here he served alongside the organist and musician Franz Gruber, who was also a local schoolmaster.

As Christmas Eve of 1818 approached, Mohr and Gruber faced a challenge. The church organ wasn't working properly (Many believe that mice had chewed through the bellows!) and the two men labored over how to make their traditional service special. Going through his papers, Mohr handed Gruber a poem he had written and asked him to set to music. If they couldn't use the organ, they could at least introduce an original carol, accompanied by an acoustic guitar.

Mohr hastily composed a melody, and on a snowclad night in the Tyrolian Alps, December 24, 1818 – two hundred years ago – the population of little Oberndorf gathered in the Church of St. Nicholas to hear *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht* for the first time. Later the organ repair man, Karl Mauracher, showed up and heard the story. Asking for a copy of the carol, he soon spread it through the Alpine region of Austria, where it came to the attention of families of local folk singers. *Silent Night* quickly gained fame across Europe. It was clear that there was something very special about this particular carol and it continues to serve as a beacon of truth for families and churches to this day.

Thank you to all who participated and helped  
organize the Candlelight Service.

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