

Luke 2:1-20

Jim Ward

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Abigail Schwartz

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

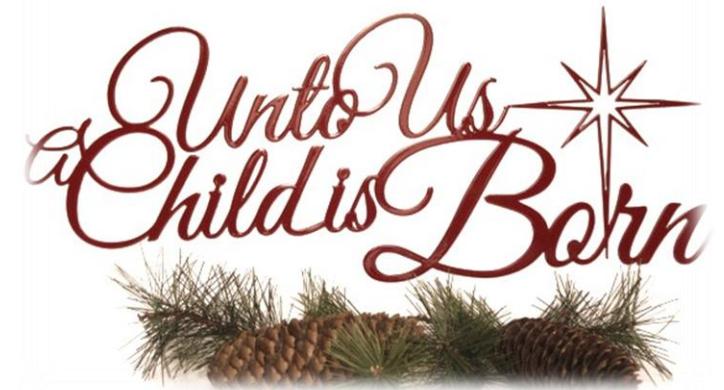
Karla Dennis

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Ken Asher

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

First Christian Church Louisburg, Kansas Christmas Eve 2021 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve

Greeters:	Denise Ward & Alan Niebrugge
Prelude	“O Holy Night” Mary Schaumburg
Lighting of the candelabras	Zoey Schwartz & Ezri Armstrong
Welcome	Rev. Justin Schwartz
Lighting the Advent Candles & Christ Candle	Don & Steffany Aye
Responsive Call to Worship	Jim Ward

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
C: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

L: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

L: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

C: He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,

L: establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

All: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

Special Music	“When God Is a Child” Abigail Schwartz
Children's Message	Julia Schwartz

Luke 2:1-7		Jim Ward
Hymn - # 148	All verses	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Luke 2:8-12		Abigail Schwartz
Hymn - #164	All verses	“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”
Luke 2:13-14		Karla Dennis
Hymn - # 144		“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Luke 2:15-20		Ken Asher
Hymn -	(insert) All verses	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
Communion Meditation & Prayer		Rev Schwartz
#157	“For All Who Give you a Face“	(insert)

*As the invitation to this table is given by Christ Jesus,
all are welcome to partake. Communion will be taken with
individual cups in your seats.*

Communion Music	“Coventry Carol & What Child Is This” Mary Schaumburg
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*Following communion, come forward to receive and
light a candle, and take it to your seat.*

Hymn - #145	All verses	“Silent Night, Holy Night”
Benediction		Rev. Schwartz
	(Please stand)	

*Please place your extinguished candle in a basket
at the rear of the sanctuary.*

*Go in peace to again enjoy
this Christmas Miracle.*