

something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**CHRISTMAS
STORY**

"The Christmas Guest"

Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHRISTMAS
HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

BENEDICTION

"Happy Birthday Jesus"

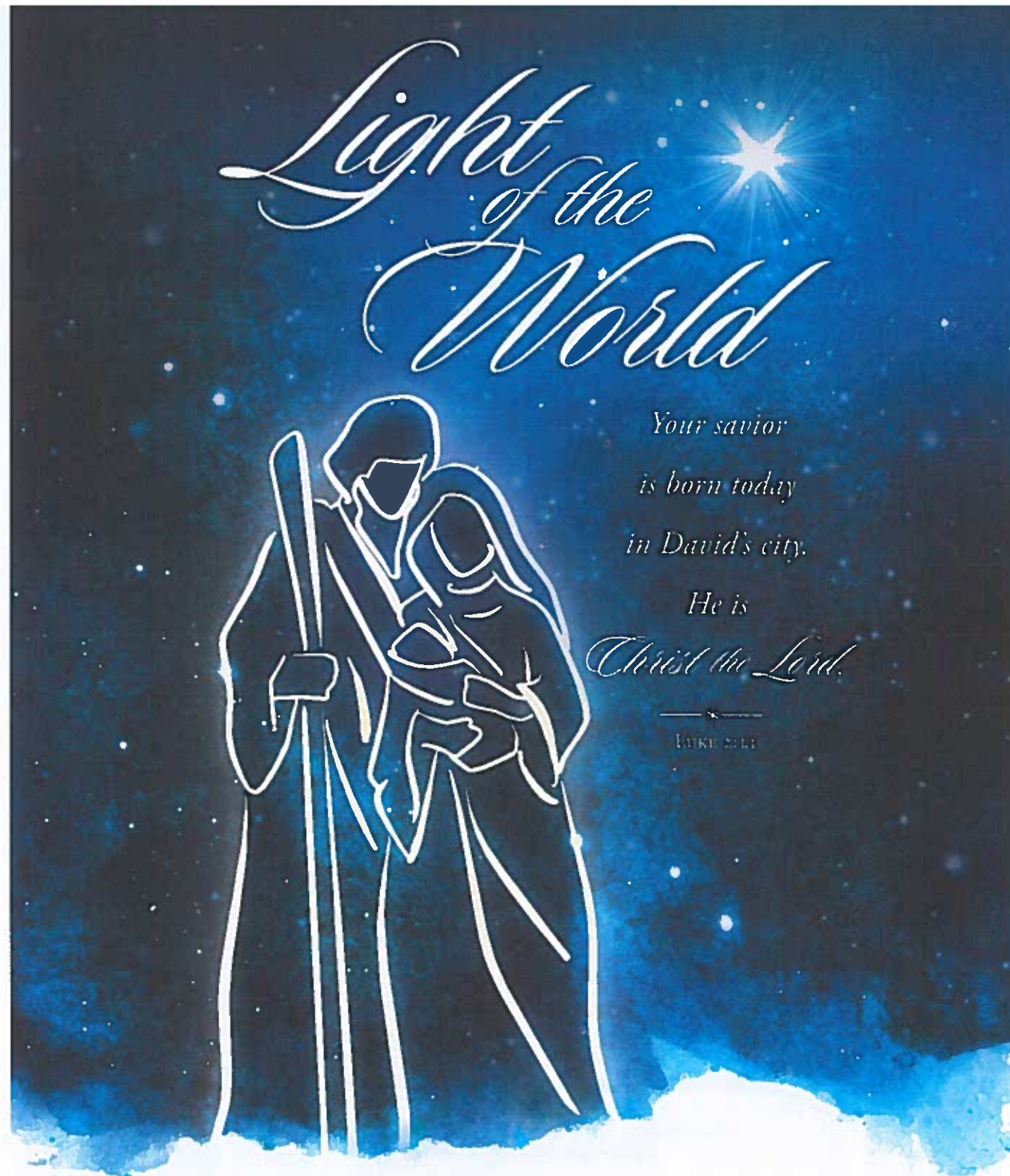
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POSTLUDE

"O, How Joyfully!// Joy to the World"

Margaret Cox

Go in peace and have a blessed Christmas Day



Valley Christian Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

PRELUDE "Carol of the Bells" Margaret Cox

WELCOME Judy Sellers

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Edd Spencer

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy.
People: And our hands like drums to beat a holy rhythm.
Leader: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir.
People: And our feet were young enough to dance through the night.
Leader: O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder.
People: And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.
Leader: Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer.
People: And raise us this Christmas Day to sing and ring bells in praise and joy for the birthday of Jesus.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come On Ring Those Bells"

*Everybody likes to take a holiday
Everybody likes to take a rest
Spending time together with the family
Sharing lots of love and happiness.*

*Come on, ring those bells,
Light the Christmas tree,
Jesus is the king Born for you and me.
Come on, ring those bells,
Every-body say, Jesus, we remember This your birthday.*

*Celebrations come because of something good.
Celebrations we love to recall*

*Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem
The greatest celebration of all.*

*Come on, ring those bells,
Light the Christmas tree,
Jesus is the King Born for you and me.
Come on, ring those bells,
Every-body say, Jesus, we remember This your birthday.*

PRAYER Judy Sellers

SHARING THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE Rev. Edd Spencer

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING OF FAVORITE GIFT Rev. Edd Spencer

CALL TO COMMUNION "A Blessing to God" Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer Clarence Sellers

COMING FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:34-40 Judy Sellers

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you