

# CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

23818 CR 10, Elkhart (interim location)  
1716 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

December 24, 2004  
9:00 A.M.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

God is giving himself to us in this child he gives to me; and if this grace, this purity, this innocence, this love I hold right now is God, then I know blessings far beyond any fear, any hope, any dream I might have dreamed. Don't ask me to explain. Just kneel, my friend, beside these shepherds. Worship him in silence and be blessed.

from: Mary at the Manger  
by J. Barrie Shepherd

### PRELUDE

"A HEART BEAT OF HEAVEN"

SOLO "Welcome to Our World" Chris Rice

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is time!...Here!... In a heartbeat – new life enters our lives.

**All: The promised holy child is here... God is among us.**

Men: He comes bringing hope and peace to this tired, weak world.

**Women: He comes to fill the empty cradle of our hearts with love and joy.**

One: Rejoice...song with joy! Alleluia! O come all ye faithful. O come let us adore

Him. Let us welcome the heartbeat of heaven. Alleluia!

**Men: Alleluia!**

Women: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia!**

\* HYMN NO. 212 (Blue) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

### \* INVOCATION PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7  
Dave Mastic

\* HYMN NO. 209 (Blue) "Oh, How Joyfully"

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-14  
Betty Kelsey

HYMN NO. 206 (Blue) "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:15-19  
Becca McFadden

HYMN NO. 215 (Blue) "What Child is This"

MEDITATION "Wishing You a Very Thin Christmas" Pastor David Bibbee

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### \*The Thanksgiving (unison)

O Lord, Source of our being and End of our quest, you gave us Jesus, your only Son, that we may have power to become your children through Him.

He existed before the world was called into being; he was born of a humble virgin, lying in a crib, and he walked on earth as a man.

He became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich; he humbled himself that we might be exalted, he gave us peace and joy when we were without hope and without God.

Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, we celebrate the birth of our Saviour and we sing with joy.

\* HYMN NO. 318 vs. 1-2 (blue) "Joy to the World"

### The Institution

*His death we proclaim. His resurrection we declare. His coming we await.*

### The Affirmation (unison)

The bread which we break is the communion in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation Isaiah 55: 1-2

### The Communion

If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, you may hold up a hand and an attendant will serve you in the pew.

CANDLE LIGHTING (continued on back page)

HYMN

“ Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light,  
Radiant, beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at the birth, Jesus, Lord at the birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King,  
"Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

\* BENEDICTION

One: Christ is born, Alleluia!

All: He is born indeed, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand, as you are able

**TODAY: DECEMBER 24, 2004**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

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| Organist.....      | Marilee Gilliland |
| Pianist.....       | David Gilliland   |
| Hymn Director..... | Rosanna McFadden  |
| Vocal Solo.....    | Rosanna McFadden  |
| Preaching.....     | David Bibbee      |

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*Our mission:*

*Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we*

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| <i>Seek</i>      | <i>God's love in our lives</i>                             |
| <i>Celebrate</i> | <i>God's love in vital worship</i>                         |
| <i>Share</i>     | <i>God's love through acceptance, service, and witness</i> |



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