



# HARTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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*To live, love, think, and act like Jesus*

## CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2012 7:00 PM

Anthony DiMarco, Pastor  
Frankie Graber, Christian Education Director  
Brian Layman, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator  
Cindy Shaffer, Pianist Mary Jane Linton, Organist

### **Worship**

#### **Gathering**

**Opening Skit**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Reader 1:* Rejoice people of God! The light has come into the world.

O God, now we light the candle of your nativity!

*Reader 2:* With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

*Reader 1:* The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

**People:** God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine with your grace. Amen.

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#### **Praising**

**Opening Song:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #251

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

**Songs of Praise:** "Emmanuel" Praise Band  
"Breath of Heaven"

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8-14

**Special Music:** Choir

**Scripture:** Luke 2:15-20

**Children's Bell Choir**

**Children's Story**

#### **Hearing**

**Special Music:** "Ave Maria" Faith Sheaffer-Polen

**Sermon:** "This Baby is Disturbing and Disruptive"  
Pastor Anthony

#### **Responding/Sending**

**Special Music:** "Labor of Love" Dayna DiMarco

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending:** "Silent Night" #253

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments*

