



wednesday, december 09, 2015-7:00 pm
the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying

welcome & announcements

opening song & prayer "break every chain" chris martirano

song "Emmanuel"

lighting of the advent candle of peace malachi 3:1-4 (nrsv)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—
indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,

and he will purify the descendants of Levi

and refine them like gold and silver,

until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem

will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old

and as in former years.

prayer

Dear Lord,

We light the Candle of Peace

that everyone may see

Jesus is the Light of the World.

Help us

to live in Your Light,

to live in Your Hope,

to live in Your Peace.

Shine within our hearts today.

Amen.

song "Emmanuel"

luke 3:1-6 [msg]

In the fifteenth year of the rule of Caesar Tiberius—
it was while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea;
Herod, ruler of Galilee; his brother Philip, ruler of Iturea
and Trachonitis; Lysanias, ruler of Abilene;
during the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—
John, Zachariah's son, out in the desert at the time,
received a message from God.

He went all through the country around the Jordan River
preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins,
as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Thunder in the desert!

"Prepare God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

Every ditch will be filled in,

Every bump smoothed out,

The detours straightened out,

All the ruts paved over.

Everyone will be there to see

The parade of God's salvation."

children's message

pastor alex

reflecting on God's message

pastor alex

a visual prayer of doubt, faith and hope reflection

[video by twotp, song written by [shellee coley](#)]

presentation of the offerings

song

"Healer, heal me"

song

"hosanna"

dance party with Jesus

"miracle in my heart"

visual benediction & passing the peace

"I am the path"

[by twotp]

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