



**Hemlock Friends Church  
Christmas Service  
12/21/14**

Opening

#270 ***Joy to the World*** (v. 1 & 2)

#249 ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** (vv. 1 & 4)

The birth Luke 2:1-7

#262 ***Away in a Manger*** (vv. 1 & 2)

Shepherds and Angels Luke 2:8-14

#277 ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** (vv. 1 - 3)

Shepherds at the Manger Luke 2: 15-20

#250 ***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** (vv. 1 & 2)

Worship through tithes and offerings

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "Bearing Gifts"

BEARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

(To prevent wax drips, please keep lit candles upright at all times and allow those with unlit candles to tip theirs into the flame of your candle.)

#253 ***Silent Night***

BENEDICTION

## **We Celebrate Your Birth**

Dear Lord, as we celebrate Your birth,  
let us remember that You are the true reason for Christmas.

Let every sparkling light remind us how You illuminate our lives,  
a shining beacon to guide us in our thoughts and actions each day,  
and how You light us from within  
in the knowledge of Your love and truth.

Let the Christmas trees, standing straight, tall, unbowed,  
remind us of Your uprightness, Your goodness, Your perfection,  
and Your refusal to bow to worldly temptations,  
no matter how great the challenge or trouble.

Lord, as we feast on Christmas treats,  
let us remember that You are the sole provider  
of everything worth having, that all good things come from You.

And as we enjoy our gifts, let us never forget  
that You are the greatest gift of all--our wonderful Savior,  
Counselor, Giver of an eternal life whose wonders we cannot imagine.

So as we delight in Christmas, the happiest and brightest of holidays,  
let us remember there would be no Christmas without You, Lord,  
and let us our hearts be filled with joy, and love  
and thankfulness, this Christmas and all the ones to come.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*By Joanna Fuchs*