



## **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: DEVOTIONAL**

**– Week #5: Christmas Eve: The Greatest Gift Ever Given –**

KEY SCRIPTURES: Luke 1:1-21, John 3:16, & Isaiah 9:1-7

### POINTS OF REFLECTION

- What is your favorite part of Christmas and why?
- What is the most memorable gift you have ever received? Why is it so memorable? What is the most memorable gift you have ever given? Why is it so memorable?
- Read Luke 1:1-21 and John 3:16 again. What stands out to you about Jesus' birth? How is His life special?
- What did God do so we could receive forgiveness for our sins?
- Why did God make a way for us to receive forgiveness? How can we receive this gift?
- Read Isaiah 9:6 again. In this passage Jesus is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. What do you notice about the key titles of the coming Messiah? In what ways do you see each name represented in who Jesus is?
- Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. How does each of these impact your life?
- Our only reasonable response to God's gift to us is a life of worship. In what ways will you live this out?

### ACTION STEPS

- Purposely spend time this week pressing into God. When you feel Him prompting you to take action, choose to be obedient.
- Commit to a step and live it out this week. What has God put on your heart after seeking him? How are you going to respond?



## ***A Cherry Tree Christmas Candlelight Service***

December 24th, 2023 at 6:30 PM

**Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-11**  
Capacity Youth

**Call to Worship**  
Pastor Joshua Mitchell

**Congregational Song**  
*The First Noel*

**Children's Advent Lesson**  
Pastor Joshua Mitchell

**Scripture Reading - John 3:16 & Romans 6:22-23**  
Capacity Youth

***Little Drummer Boy***  
Special Music by Bob Dennis

**Scripture Reading - Ephesians 2:8-10**  
Capacity Youth

**Congregational Song**  
*What Child Is This*

**Christmas Homily**  
Ronald L. Auther II, Ph.D.

**Lighting of the Candles**  
*O Holy Night*

**Congregational Song**  
*Silent Night*

**Good Night and  
Merry Christmas!**

**CHRIST  
THE SAVIOR  
IS BORN!**

*We wish you all a wonderful Christ-centered Christmas!*

*Thank you to all who helped make tonight a special time  
of worshipping the King of kings and Lord of lords!*

*Thank you to Capacity Youth Hannah Hertlein, Lola Mikluscak,  
& Matthew Page for reading our scriptures this evening.*

*Please note: all monies collected this evening will be split evenly  
between the recipients of our Christmas Offering,  
Genesis House and the Good Works Life Recovery House.*



# Christmas Poinsettias 2023



## In Memory Of

Rev. Robert Ellenberger

Lewis & Dora Ewart  
Charles Forcheck (husband)  
Sharon Genovese  
Ted Genovese  
Rich Kolesar Sr.  
Laura Kurutz (grandmother)  
Boyce Porada, Nancy Porada,  
Linda Porada  
William Rockwell

George Smalley

Randall Thomas  
Robert Thomas (grandfather)  
Gayle Trimble  
Ken & Dorothy Trimble

Cindy Trimmer  
Chuck Wolfe Jr.

## In Honor Of

Maureen Bealko  
Anna Cully  
Terry Genovese  
Lettie Kizina  
Cathy Thomas  
Joe Thomas

## Given By

Flo Ellenberger, Son & Family,  
Daughter & Family

Shirley Kolesar & Family  
Harriet Forcheck  
Vincent & Lisa Genovese  
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Shirley Kolesar & Family  
Bethany & Alli Thomas

The Novak Family  
Barb Rockwell & Family,  
Karen Trimble  
His Loving Children  
& Grandchildren  
Cathy, Bethany, & Alli Thomas  
Bethany & Alli Thomas  
Karen Trimble, Barb Rockwell  
Karen Trimble,  
Barb Rockwell & Family  
Doug Trimmer  
Chuck, Christy & Eli Wolfe

## Given By

Vincent & Lisa Genovese  
Your Secret Sister  
Vincent & Lisa Genovese  
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Please pick up your poinsettia(s) following the  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or Sunday, December 31st.