

*God grant you
the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is love;
the radiance of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.*

Wilda English (1916-1997)

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:9-10

Saviour



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2019

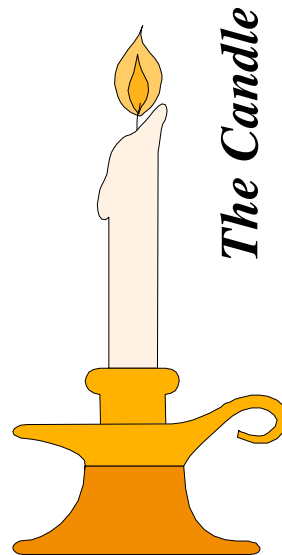
“... and you are to name him *Jesus*,
for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21 (NLT)

Symbols of Christ

Whether we use a lamp, a candle, a torch, a lighthouse, or even a flashlight as the symbol, the idea is the same: **Christ is Light!** This is one of the most appropriate and meaningful of all the Christian symbols and is probably the most used in the Bible. Matthew, quoting prophecy, said of Jesus, “... for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, **light** has dawned.” John described Jesus as “the true **light** that enlightens every man.” And Jesus said, “I am the **light** of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life.”

This symbol of Jesus should also remind Christians of their responsibilities, for Jesus also said, “You are the **light** of the world” and “...let your **light** shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” How appropriate that tonight we **light** our individual candles from the source, the “Christ” candle. Although we will extinguish our candles as we leave, hopefully each one of us will continue shining brightly for Christ now and forever more.



Prelude Video ***“Names of Jesus”***

Advent Candle Lighting – ***Christ***

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

Music ***“Joy to the World!”*** 87

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

Music ***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*** 88

Scripture ***Luke 2:15-21***

Message ***“Good News of Great Joy”***
(*Luke 2:10*) Pastor

Music ***“He Who Is Mighty”***
Amy, Hannah, Lincoln

Observance of the Lord’s Supper

Lighting of Candles

Music ***“Silent Night”***

Postlude

*Let us go out to Christmas
having the same praise and wonder*