

LIGHTING / CHRISTMAS EVE (December 24, 1984)

The lighting for the Christmas Eve Service is most important in setting the proper mood of worship. I'd suggest the following light settings and cues for change.

7 - 8: We'll open the church around 7 and would suggest a low light in the sanctuary ... about 70.

8: When the choir and PC come up for the Call to Worship then the lights get turned up slowly to 80. As PC says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great LIGHT"...start to bring them up at that cue.

They stay at 80 through the early part of the service... about half an hour. If you think it's too bright, bring them down a bit...a soft, warm light is what we like on Christmas Eve.

But people need enough light to read the lines for the hymns.

8:30: Listen out for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"...that's getting to the next cue. After we sing it, PC goes to the lectern to read some scripture passages that speak of darkness and light...begin to bring lights down to about 70.

8:40: Around this time, when you start to hear "O Little Town of Bethlehem" you'll know that we're getting near the candle lighting...

After I give the light to the ushers then begin to pull the lights down very SLOWLY...so people aren't even aware

As the candles of the worshippers are lighted, we bring the lights down to about 35...just a touch of light on the under part of the fixtures shows through.

PC will handle the lights in the chancel next to the organ... and will bring those down slowly and leave some light on the cross...

The choir sings "O Holy Night" in the semi-lighted church

Then we all sing "Silent Night", semilighted..candle light

PC does a Christmas Prayer.

Then all sing "Angels We Have Heard on High".

You may have to bring up the lights very slowly to give a bit of light for the people to see...not much...just a touch of light.

9:00 PC gives Benediction from back of Church in candlelight. Bring lights up to 50 at organ postlude for people to see

INSTRUCTIONS: Ushers, Christmas Eve

SECURITY

Always a concern on Christmas Eve! Watch out. Coats and collection especially are a concern on Christmas Eve. Someone should be in and around the narthex from the time of opening to closing.

CANDLES

Distribute with bulletins as people enter the church.

COLLECTION AND CANDLE-LIGHTING

Four men needed. Take to the Fourth Floor.

CLOSING-UP

Help PC. No custodian. Pick up candles, bulletins. Help PC get ready for Sunday morning.



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mend a quarrel  
seek out a forgotten friend  
share some treasure  
give a soft answer  
encourage youth  
keep a promise  
find the time  
listen  
apologize if you were wrong  
be gentle  
laugh a little  
laugh a little more  
express your gratitude  
welcome a stranger  
gladden the heart of a child  
take pleasure in the beauty  
and wonder of the earth  
speak your love  
speak it again  
speak it still once again



*Let Christmas  
come into our world  
and bring us  
warmth and cheer,  
Bring us faith  
in place of doubt  
and strength  
in place of fear,  
Bring us hope  
and bring us love  
to guide our hearts  
forever...*

Someone has written that...

"All the armies that ever marched, all the navies ever built, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned...all of these together...have not affected the life of man on this planet as much as this one solitary life!"  
as powerfully

And so this Christmas: