

Schaller, Iowa
December 24, 2025

5:30 P. M.
Christmas Eve

Jay Grogan

PRELUDE

Bob Hantsbarger, Accompanied on Guitar

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Franken Family

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Reader: Every year we light our candles.

People: We watch the flames flicker with wonder.

Reader: God's light is here.

People: This light is life for all people.

Reader: The darkness will never overcome it.

All: The Word is with us. Thanks be to God.

(Light all candles.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay

Elder: There is good news of great joy for all!

People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN "Joy to the World"**

#125

CHILDREN'S TIME

Courtney Pyle

"Story of Jesus Birth"

(Libby McDonough, Haddie McDonough, Henry Jacobson)

***HYMN "Away In The Manger"**

#157

SERMON "Christmas Eve" Luke 2:1-20

Jay

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Jay

***OFFERTORY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SILENT NIGHT

(Older Children: Anna Jacobson, Madelyn Jacobson, Cody Pyle, Jacee McDonough, Kallie Pyle, Cari Pyle)

***HYMN “Silent Night Holy Night”**

#147

We will also be lighting candles

Lighters will walk down the aisles with lit candles as we begin singing this hymn, the congregation will be invited to light candles. After the candle lighting is completed, the house lights will be cut and we will sing the final verses by candlelight only.

When lighting your candle, please tip the unlit candle over the lit candle to avoid any accidents.

After the hymn is concluded, candles may then be extinguished and the high schoolers will dismiss us by rows, and candles can be dropped off in a box located in the Narthex area and share greetings and fellowship with those around you.

THANK YOU’S!

A big thank you to Bob Hantsbarger for playing the guitar.

Thanks to Cathy McDonough, Courtney Pyle and Denise King for doing the Christmas Program and all the youth who participated, and the families who did the readings and lighting of the advent candles, everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas, the bulletin board in the entryway.

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia plants to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful way to honor the memory of loved ones.

A big thank you to those who helped with the tags for the Giving Tree and Share The Warmth Snowman this year. This helped many local children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 2025

24 Wednesday (Pulpit Supply: Jay Grogan)

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

28 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Lue Baker)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. Worship

CHALLENGE FUND

We have met our goal for the Challenge Fund.



Christmas Joy Offering envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found in the back of the Sanctuary. PLEASE mark your check "JOY". Please give generously.



CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Corporation/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 11th which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 25th. We will elect officers, treasurers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.



ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Reports are due to Denise no later than January 4th, so she can have them ready. (Reports needed Session, Christian Growth, Ladies Fellowship, Nominating Report, Sunday School, Treasurer's Reports.

