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Christmas Eve

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6*

It Is Time To Prepare For Christmas Eve

We will gather for worship at 5:00pm. The fifth and final candle of the advent wreath will be lit signifying the light of Christ which has come into the world. I want to encourage you to prepare for our time together in worship in several ways:

1. Gather with us on Sunday morning for the last Sunday of Advent. Dancers from the Aspire Dance Academy will be with us offering a dance interpretation of "O, Come, O, Come Emmanuel"
2. In your own prayer time ask God to reveal aspects of His presence and character this Christmas you have never seen before.
3. Add to the beauty of the sanctuary by providing poinsettias to be placed in front of the altar for Christmas. For a donation of \$10.00 you will be able to place a poinsettia at the altar in memory of someone signifying the relationships that have made you who you are today, or in thanksgiving for something in your life pointing to what you will become in the future. You may bring the payment along with you on Sunday. Susan Kidd will arrange for your poinsettia to be purchased and placed in front of the altar.
4. Ask God to make you personally more responsive to His presence wherever you encounter Him, in other words, to open the eyes of your heart more fully than ever before.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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