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Here is a quick way to prepare for Sunday worship during the week. Take 10 minutes to read the Sunday Gospel lesson below. The introduction to the day, prayer of the day, and faith conversation starter/ reflection questions are also included.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

- How does the "good news of great joy" change the course of your silent nights?

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GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:1-14

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that
all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was
descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to
be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who
was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came
for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her
firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him
in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

8 Now in that same region there were shepherds living in
the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an
angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the
angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing
you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born
this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the
Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

