## PEACE ... GIVING ... HOPE

All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy" USA

13350 LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462 Don Borling, Pastor 708-448-2939 Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017 10:00 pm

It's a "silent night" ... a miracle kind-of night .. in our hearts forever Call to worship ... Mike ... lighting candles for peace and hope

words of the prophet

Isaiah 9. 2-11 "Hark the herald angels sing" 270

Isaiah 52. 7-10 "It came upon a midnight clear" 282

*the word becomes flesh* John 1. 1-14 "I am so glad each Christmas Eve" 271

> *the song of Mary* Luke 1. 26-35 "What child is this?" 296

*the offering of gifts* "O holy night" Quartemont family

*the journey of the shepherds* Luke 2. 8-20 "The first Noel" 300

the journey of the wisemen Matthew 2. 1-12 "Gesu Bambino" Karri Nussle Brady and "family"

angels ... forever in our hearts "Still, Still, Still" choir *prayers and sharing the light* "Silent Night" 281

"Peace" ... by James Kavanaugh

In a complex & confusing world, when life's details get in the way of living ... and the mounting worries crowd out the simple beauty of snow and silence, fresh water and flowers ...
when tragedy strikes without warning, and suffering arrives unannounced ... then, most of all, we must cling to what is truly beautiful:
children, love, laughter, dreams, wisdom, wonder, and all that friendship means.
Rearranging priorities, and taking time ---- to discover what is alien, what is really mine.
'Tis then that confusion softens, storms cease ...
'Tis then descends the gift of private peace.
May such peace surround our lives and fill our space.
May peace transform our hearts, and thus our race.

\*We have a brief sharing of the Lord's Supper following our service this evening. We have one worship service tomorrow on Christmas Day ---- 10:00 \*Sunday, December 31 ... worship at 8:30 and 11 \*Sunday School resumes on January 7

Don, Peggy, and family thank you so much for your kindness and generosity ----- not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. You – all mean so much to us ... we deeply appreciate your friendship and support.