

### Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest  
In the shade of the forest tree;  
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,  
In the deserts of Galilee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary.

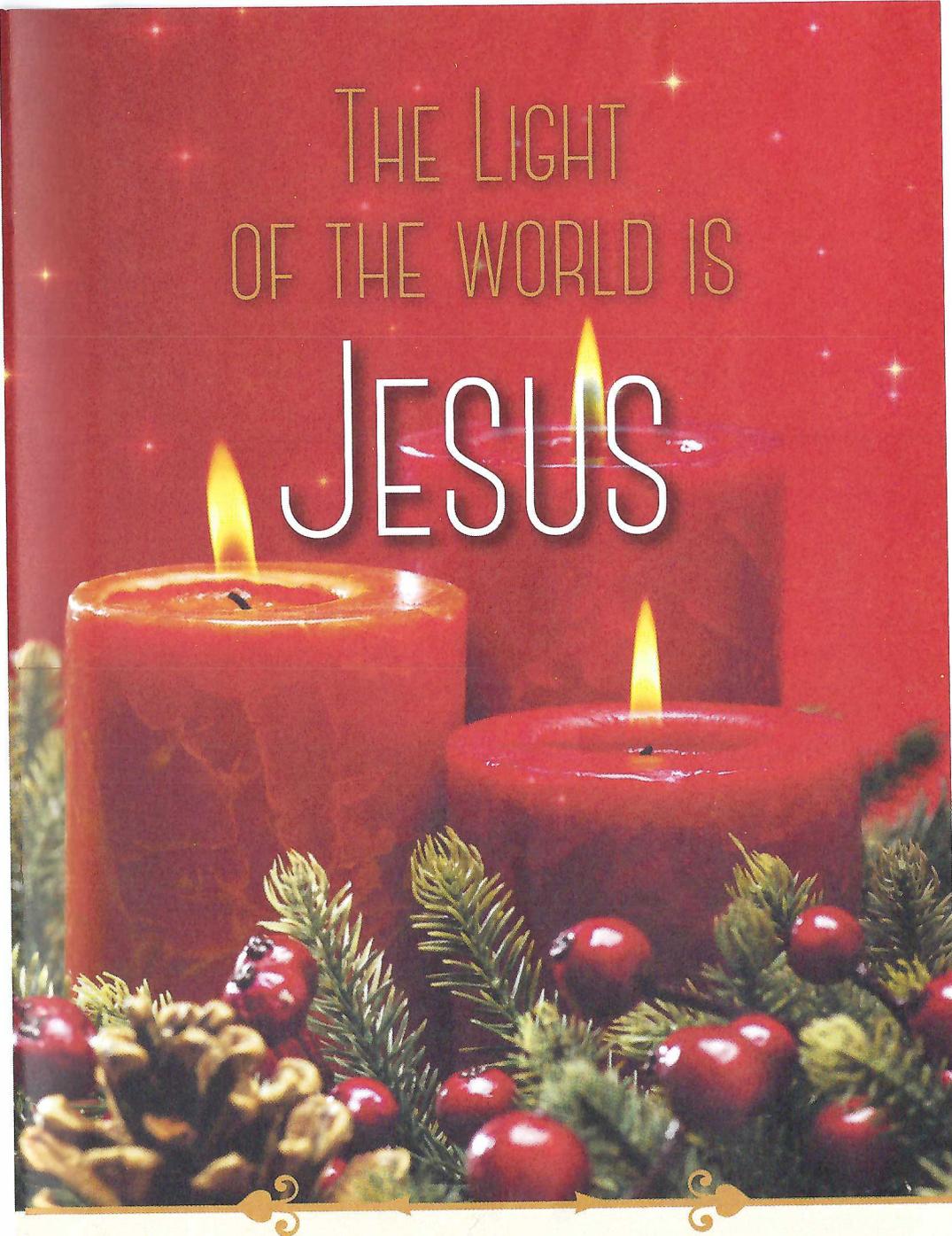
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."

My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
When Thou comest and callest for me.

*E.S. Elliott*

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# Covenant Church

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December 24, 2023

## Advent Reading

## Call to Worship

*Sounds of Hope*

## Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 277 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

## Welcome and Announcements

*Ron Marks*

## Recognition of Guests

## Mission Moment

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Worship in Song

Hymn # 253 Silent Night

## Offertory Prayer

*Craig Alexander*

## Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

**Sermon:** *Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Scripture:

## Benediction

O Holy Night

*Sounds of Hope*

***Pastor Don Mauldin***

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## Covenant News

Our ministry for December is Helping Hands Clinic. Helping Hands is a group of volunteer health professionals who have provided free healthcare to the poor and/or homeless for over 30 years. The clinic is staffed by social workers, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physicians, and community service volunteers.

# Merry Christmas!



## The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the world  
A message was peached, a challenge was hurled:  
Believe in the Son and you shall be saved!  
The road to heaven with His blood was paved.  
Out of the darkness of sin and despair  
God's salvation was gloriously there.  
He was born in a manger no room in the inn.  
God in the flesh was born to die for our sin.  
The angels sang, the shepherds rejoiced.  
Messiah has come! The message was voiced.  
By joyous believers both far and near,  
Christmas has come! Immanuel is here!