

Merry Christmas!

Lessons & Carols Service – 5:00 pm

Diane Mammenga, Organist

Prelude – *Beth Tappin on the harp*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song – O Come, O Come Emmanuel #186

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem #200

Special Music – Harp

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

O Holy Night #195

Luke 1:26-38

Children's Story – *The First Night Before Christmas*
by Steve Richarz

Matthew 1:18-25

Away in a Manger #213

Special Music - Harp

Luke 2:1-20

The First Noel #205

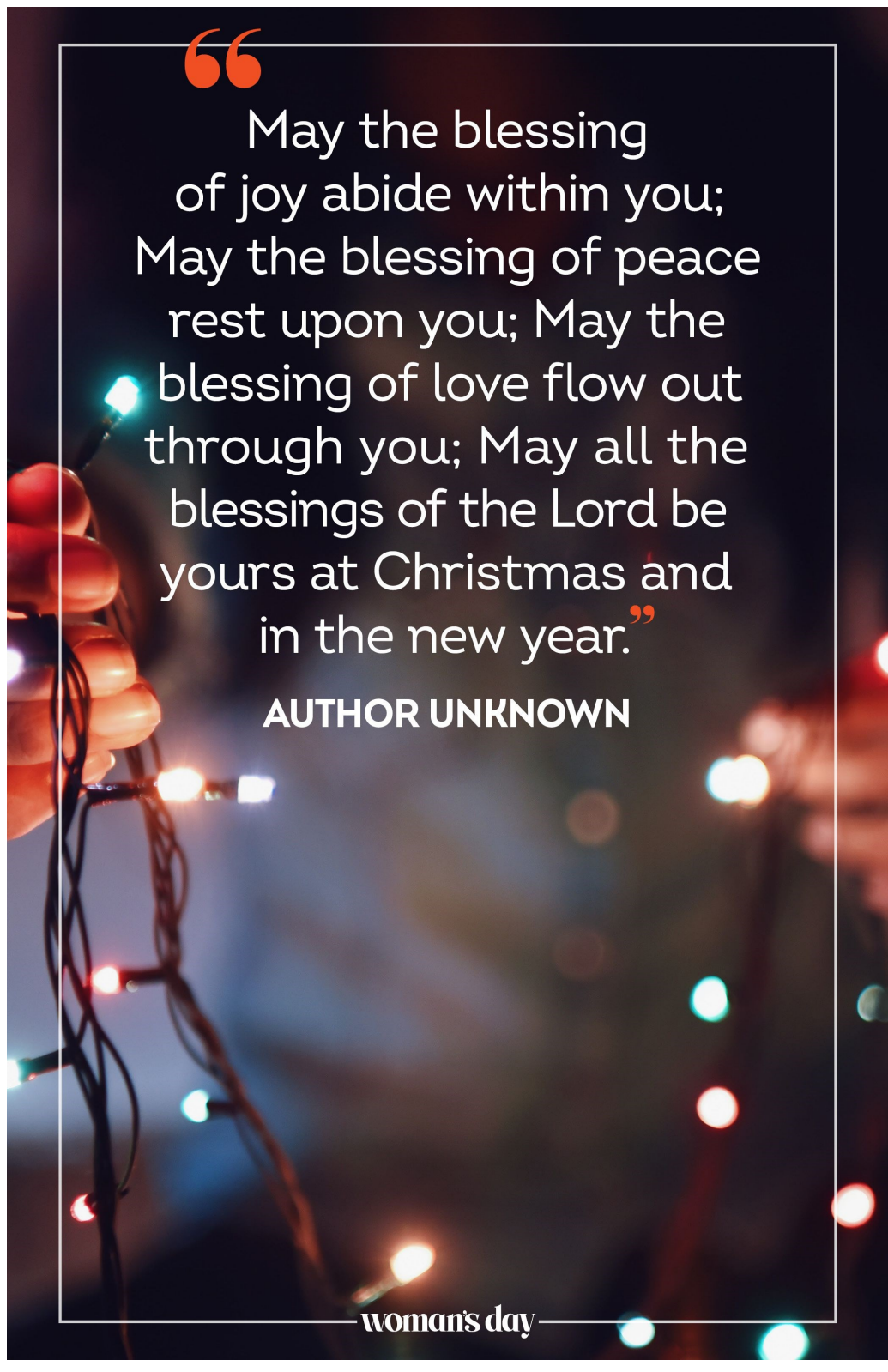
Luke 2:21-35

Reflection

John 1:1-14

Song – Silent Night #189

Benediction



“ May the blessing
of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace
rest upon you; May the
blessing of love flow out
through you; May all the
blessings of the Lord be
yours at Christmas and
in the new year.”

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*“For unto us
a Child is born...”*

A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we celebrate the birth of Your Son,
Jesus, remembering the words of
the angels on the night of His birth,
“Peace on earth to all of good will.”

Today, as never before, Almighty
God, we pray for Your loving peace.
May peace be the guiding force in the
hearts of our world leaders. May peace
reign in every corner of the globe and
in the hearts of every man, woman and
child upon this earth.

This Christmas and always, may we
embrace Your wonderful gifts with
courage and conviction. In so doing,
we will also be embracing Your greatest
gift to us, Your Son, the Prince of
Peace!

Amen.