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**Christmas Eve Family Worship Service – 3pm** - This service is designed for kids young and old! There will be a telling of the Christmas story, carols, holy communion, and candle lighting all designed for children of all ages to participate in! This will be a fun service that will allow you enjoy worship after naptime and before dinner! Come be a part!

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