

CHRISTMAS TRADITION

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT ORIGIN

There have been many stories of the origins of the Christmas carol "Silent Night, Holy Night." One of the most popularly told one is as follows:

In the winter of 1818 at St. Nicholas' Church at Obendorf, a village near Salzburg, Austria, Joseph Mohr, the assistant to the priest, faced a dilemma. It was just days before Christmas, and the church organ which was so important to providing music for the Christmas services was broken. Since the organ repairman was not a local of the village it would actually be months before the repair could be made, and Christmas would be long past.

His solution to the problem of the broken organ resulted in one of the most popular Christmas carols of all time. In 1816 Mohr had written a simple poem that the villagers could understand expressing the wonder of the birth of Jesus. He asked his friend Franz Gruber who was the organist at St. Nicholas to write music to accompany his poem so that they could sing it together using a guitar to accompany their singing.

They first performed their newly composed Christmas carol at the Christmas Eve midnight service on December 24, 1818. It did not instantly receive the worldwide recognition it has come to know, however. It was not until years later in 1825 when Carl Mauracher was rebuilding the organ at St. Nicholas that a handwritten copy of the words and music was found in the organ loft.

Mauracher was from an area in the mountains of Tyrol which had many traveling folk choirs who performed throughout Europe. He carried the carol back home, and it became a popular song with the choirs as they traveled and spread its popularity wherever they went.

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SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Welcome to our Sunday morning Bible classes. Our services are designed to teach the Word of God, so believers can grow in grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Bible Classes are available for all age groups ... from nursery to adult studies.

Church Service 10:45 a.m.
Welcome, Announcements, Grace Giving, Prayer

Congregational Singing:
Away In the Manger, 552 (Verse 1)

Congregational Singing:
Angels We Have Heard On High, 536

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 27:10-16 by Luke Kennedy

Congregational Singing:
There's A Song in the Air, 554
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, 545

Study of the Word of God by Pastor Tod Kennedy

Congregational Singing:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, 542 (Verse 2)

Benediction



SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship This Week

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Gospel of Matthew
Mid-Week Bible Class
Spokane Bible Church

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Prayer Groups. Gathering of believers to pray for our nation, community, church, missionaries, fellow believers, and for the salvation of unbelievers
Prayer Groups
Spokane Bible Church

Upcoming Events	
December 16, 2007 6:00 pm	Christmas Program
December 24, 2007 5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service

Prayer Focus This Week



"Pray without ceasing,"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Dick Olsen, Upland Bible Church, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Andrew Prout, Jordan
- Health Concerns:
 - Donna Morris: Healing of wound from fall (scrape on arm); discouragement
 - Eva Schmidt: Clinical trial will be successful
 - Dody Frick: Surgery recovery
 - Jack Hughes, Lymphoma cancer, bone marrow transplant, wife Kay
- Titus Kennedy: Teaching ministry at the Word of God Bible College
- North Point Bible Study: Residents will understand Word of God being taught to them
- Sasha: Important decision she needs to make
- Current students of the Word of God College in Kiev
- Spokane Bible Church — Services and Classes
 - Professional (Everything done decently and in order)
 - Entire content draws the congregation to a greater knowledge of and appreciation for Jesus Christ and God's plan
 - Additional believers to take on roles in music, ushering, welcoming visitors