

Our Night Sky for December 24th

This recording will be presented Christmas morning at 10:30. Most of you will be right in the middle of your Christmas day celebrations.

May I add to that the Prince George Astronomical society's best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

And may I also add to that a Christmas memory from when my grown children were all under ten years old. At least one Christmas but depending on each of their remembering The Christmas Nativity story. The part that they zeroed in on was that there was a new star at Christmas and they were going out to look for it.

Our house faces east so east was right out our front door. When I think back it would have been early evening because we wanted to get all three of them to bed as soon as possible so we could wrap Christmas presents without being up until three in the morning. So that places my children on the front porch facing east at about seven or eight pm Christmas Eve. If you check a sky chart, in late December early evening, our old friend Orion is above the horizon and the bright star in Orion is Betelgeuse the brilliant red giant on the left shoulder of Orion. Orion will do just fine for a six-year old's Christmas Star.