

Sandi Perl, Pastor Elly Stempien, Organist
Ron Miller, Choir Director

Lights will dim as the service begins

Christmas Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting Dana and Helen Schillinger

Anthem Go Tell It On The Mountain

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.

C: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

P: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

C: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen

***Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, With joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, John 1:1-2, 4-5

Lighting of the Christ Candle... Barbara Bailey

Scripture Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Lighting of Gabriel candle and Mary, Joseph Candles...Miley Andersen

Gesu Bambino Aimee Perry

Scripture Luke 2:1-5

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Scripture Luke 2:6-7

Lighting of Baby Jesus Candle...Noah Detar

Hymn Away in the Manger UMH 217

Scripture Luke 2:9-14

Lighting of Angel Candle...Marissa Sorensen

Hymn The First Noel UMH 245

Lighting of the Shepard Candles...Dale Bliss

Scripture Luke 2:9-18 and Matthew 2:1-11

Lighting of the Wiseman Candles...Marguerite Miller

***OFFERTORY/ DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

Most gracious God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. You fulfilled your promises in astounding ways! He is your greatest gift to humankind. People around the world see Christmas decorations and wonder about the significance of Jesus. Let our congregation serve as faithful witnesses of your love through our words and actions. Use our gifts and offerings to bring the light of Christ to people who long for your grace. We pray in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen. (Isaiah 62:6-12)

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PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

Holy Communion (See Insert)

Choir Mary Did You Know

Anthem Once Upon A Silent Night
(Congregations joins in for 1st verse when directed)

***GOOD NEWS**

**Christ the Savior is born.
Go forth in the strength of the Spirit
to ponder and proclaim the good news. Amen**

FWS –Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

***please rise if you are able**

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**December 24, 2017
Christmas Eve**