

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2013
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
OUR CHRISTMAS CARD TO YOU**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #234 "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – JOY

ADVENT CAROL - #2090 Light the Advent Candle vs.5

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP and PROCESSION

"We Bring His Light"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 8-14

CHRISTMAS CARD #1 – "VISIT TO THE SHEPHERDS"

"On a Silent Night" – Choir Anthem

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 1-7

CHRISTMAS CARD #2 – "JESUS IS BORN"

"Who Is This Tiny Child" – Choir Anthem

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2: 10-11

CHRISTMAS CARD #3 – "CHRIST THE KING"

"Is Your Heart Prepared For a King" – Choir Anthem

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION –

"WHAT A WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD!" – Rev. Judy D. White

"CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVINGS" – Blanche Fingar

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM – Tonight we welcome another baby into our world and our church – Madaline Grace Eck, daughter of Ruth Andersen and Nathanael Eck

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – Tonight's offering will go to the "Living Well", the new Yates County United Methodist churches' ministry.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION –

L: Let us Pray...

P: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Indeed, O God, we believe in the one born in Bethlehem this night - and we give you thanks for all the gifts that you give have given us through him. We praise you for his birth, for how he lived his life as the servant of your Most Holy Will - and for how, in obedience and in love he finally gave himself over to death, even death on a cross, for our sakes - thereby opening to all people the gates of heaven and the way to eternal life. Wherefore, O God we spread this table before you as he commanded us to do on the night he was betrayed. We remember how he took bread, and gave you thanks for it - as even now we give you thanks O God for our daily bread - and how he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.". In like manner we recall, how when the meal was done, Jesus took the cup, the cup of blessing, and after giving thanks, offered it to his disciples saying, "take, drink, this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant for the forgiveness of sins as often as you do this, do it in remembrance of me."

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

Bless O God, this bread and this wine that it may be for us communion in the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Send your spirit upon these elements and upon us and grant that we may obtain maturity of faith and live in him and through him - faithful and righteous all our days. We ask through Christ our Lord, as we pray the prayer he taught us... **Our Father, Who art in heaven...**

RECEIVING COMMUNION & LIGHTING CANDLES: We will have six stations. Please go to the one closest to you.

During Communion the Choir will sing "Christmas Communion Song"

SOLO – "O Holy Night" – Aimee Perry, soloist

LIGHTING OF CANDLES AND SILENT NIGHT

- Remain Seated

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

POSTLUDE

*All who are willing and able, please stand

SERVING CHRIST TONIGHT

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Flute - Jeff Stempien

Liturgist: Ron Salyer

Greeters: Ed and Sally Head

Ushers: Dana Schillinger and Ernie Pinneo

Scripture Readers: Meredith Nielsen, Ron Salyer, Bill Sutherland

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