

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2014

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE

*SONG OF PRAISE - #234 "O Come All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-3

L. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus
and rejoice in His coming to us, let us greet our Lord in Worship.

P. Jesus Christ is our hope.
He is our peace.
Jesus Christ is our joy.
He is love--
pure, holy, undying love.

L. Whoever believes in Him will never perish
but have eternal life (John 3:16).

P. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

SCRIPTURE - Luke 1: 26-35 – The Angel Gabriel's Announcement
CHORAL ANTHEM – "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little
Baby?"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1: 18-21 – Joseph's Command
CAROL – #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1-2

SCRIPTURE – Luke 2: 1-7 – Birth of Jesus
CAROL - #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1-2

SCRIPTURE - Luke 2: 8-14 – Angel's Announcement to Shepherds
CAROL – #238 "Angels We Have Heard On High" vs. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE – Luke 2: 15-20 – Shepherds visit Jesus
CAROL - #245 "The First Noel" vs. 1-2

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 2:7-11 – The Wise Men's Visit to Jesus
CHORAL ANTHEM – "What Can I Give To Him?"

Emmaleigh Stempfen, Soloist

SPECIAL MUSIC – "Glad Tidings" Ron Miller and Aimee Perry

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

DOXOLOGY/PRAYER – Lord, as you have freely given your gift of love to us, may we also freely give our love to others in your name. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION – "The Empty Stocking" –
Rev. Judy D. White - Wunder

SPECIAL MUSIC – "O Holy Night" –
Sandy Wilmott, Liturgical Signing

SHARING THE LIGHT – Led by Rev. Jeffrey McDowell and Barbara
McDowell, Finger Lakes District Superintendent and wife
CHORAL ANTHEM – "We Bring His Light"

Progression of Lights –
Christ Candle
Advent Candles – Hope, Love, Joy and Peace
Altar Candles and Candelabra
Window Candles
Congregation Candles
Tree and instrument lights
Formation of the Cross

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 Savior, 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 – “Halleluia Chorus”

*All who are willing and able, please stand

SERVING CHRIST TONIGHT

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Ron Salyer

Greeters: Ed and Sally Head

Ushers: Dana Schillinger and Ernie Pinneo

Scripture Readers: Meredith Nielsen, Ron Salyer, Bill Sutherland,
Marguerite Miller, Sarah Stackhouse, Bruce Westerdahl

**A special thank you to Rev Jeffrey and Barbara
McDowell for presenting Sharing of the Light**

**May you experience the Light of Christ growing in
your hearts this Christmas.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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