

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2019

6:00pm

Liturgical Color - White

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Vincent Prevatte, Trumpet

GREETING Rev. Kim Eanes

PROCESSIONAL "Angel Band" Children's Ministry
"Happy Birthday Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

L: He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the world is coming!

P: LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO GREET HIM!

L: He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!

P: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR GOD'S MIGHTY GIFT TO US!

L: O come, Prince of Peace! Bring your light to us!

P: WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE YOU INTO OUR LIVES!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 234 (vv. 1-5)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (responsively) The Eddins' Family

L: (Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-14) Rejoice, people of God! The Light has come into the world!

O God, we now light the candle of your nativity.

P: WITH THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN AND WITH SOUNDS OF GREAT JOY, YOU COME TO US.

THIS IS THE TIME OF LIGHT AND RESPLENDENT JOY! GOD HAS BEEN BORN AMONG US!

L: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light.

A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and

repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth, and goodwill!"

John declared that this great Light is Christ, the Word made flesh. And this great Light lives among us.

By It, we behold God's glory ... full of grace and truth. So at Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

P: GOD OUR LIFE AND LIGHT, WE THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS NIGHT TO US. WE THANK YOU FOR TOUCHING ALL HEAVEN AND ALL EARTH WITH YOUR SPLENDOR. IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, WE PRAY THAT YOU SHINE THIS NIGHT WITH YOUR PEACE. AND IN EVERY CORNER OF OUR HEARTS, WE PRAY THAT YOU SHINE THIS NIGHT WITH YOUR GRACE.

ALL: AMEN.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

***SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2: 8-20

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 71**

***HYMN NO. 218** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Carol

WITNESS TO THE WORD "A Welcome Surprise" Rev. L. Kim Eanes

SPECIAL MUSIC "Go Tell It On the Mountain" FUMC Men's Choir

OFFERTORY "For Unto Us a Child is Born" Chancel Choir

***The Giving**

***The Dedication No. 95** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th

***The Thanksgiving**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE NO. 12

The Invitation

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving (pp. 13-14)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup (please approach the altar at the direction of the ushers and join the Choir in singing the following hymns):

No. 230 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 217 - "Away In a Manger"

No. 240 - "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 219 - "What Child Is This"

No. 238 - "Angels We Have Heard on High"

***PASSING THE LIGHT** (Please hold the lit candle vertically, and tip the unlit candle into the flame when passing the light.)

The simple act of lighting a candle means so much more this night. We are sharing the Light that comes into the world to reveal God's love and truth to all. As we share this light with our neighbors, know that we are sharing the love and the mercy of God. When each candle has received its' light, we will stand and sing together, "Silent Night". At the conclusion of our hymn, please extinguish the light carefully, but never extinguish the Light in your heart.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"** Stille Nacht

***BENEDICTION** (please remain in your pews during the closing Special Music Postlude)

SPECIAL MUSIC POSTLUDE "O Holy Night" Jensen Tomberlin

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

(Please depart in silence)

The staff of First United Methodist Church prays that you will have a beautiful Christmas celebration followed by abundant God-Blessings throughout the new year.

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