

First United Methodist Church

"Called To Be and Make Disciples For Jesus Christ"

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Worship Leader

Pastor Robert Smith

A Time for Worship and Meditation

Cindy Jackson, Organist & Janie Napier, Pianist

"There's a Song in the Air" Harrington; Billingsley and Braman, arr.

Invocation

Rev. Robert Smith

Anthem

Adult Choir, Cindy Jackson, director with Janie Napier, pianist

"Gesu Bambino" Yon Martin, arr.

Scripture

"Matthew 1: 18-24"

Rev. Robert Smith

Carols

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" page 220 v. 1 & 2 with refrain

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

"The First Noel" page 245 verse 1 and refrain

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

"What Child Is This?" page 219 verse 1

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Special Music

"O Holy Night"

Jim Parker

Sermon

"God is with us"

Rev. Robert Smith

Carols

The Altar is open during this time for those who wish to pray. If you would like for someone to pray with you, please signal one of the Pastors.

"Joy to the World" page 246 verse 1

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" page 218 verse 1

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men [all], from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

"Away in a Manger" page 217 verses 1 & 2

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

A Service of Holy Baptism

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" page 240 verses 1 & 2

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

A Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve

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All Christians, regardless of denomination are invited to receive Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church.

Please file down the center aisle to the Narthex to receive the elements.

Please pick up a candle as you leave the Communion area and stand as you are able around the sides of the fellowship hall.

Invitation

Communion Music

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

A Time of Sharing

Candle Lighting Service

"O Little Town of Bethlehem!" page 230 verses 1 & 2 (acapella)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

"Silent Night" page 239 verses 1, 2, & 3 (acapella)

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

3. 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, Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

Benediction

Rev. Robert Smith

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE, OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD



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