

A CELEBRATION OF THE INCARNATION OF THE LORD JESUS

December 24, 2016

11:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

*GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The Incarnate Word, the Son of the living God is with us.

People: Praise the Lord

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

*CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

CAROL *Light the Advent Candle v. 5* TFWS 2090

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Incarnate God, as we celebrate your birth, your coming into the world, we join the angels in singing. Speak to us through your story and help us to understand how your story changes our stories. Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear, open our hearts to feel, and open our hands to serve. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL *What Child Is This?* UMH 219

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-7

MESSAGE *A Holy Night* Pastor Lee

*THE APOSTLES CREED UMH 881

*Angels We Have Heard On High UMH 238

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSE *In The Bleak Midwinter (v. 4)* UMH 221

SPECIAL MUSIC *Adore* arr. Larsen
The Springstead's

*CAROL *Away In A Manger* UMH 217

INVITATION UMH p.7

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

We invite all to share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you along the center aisle to receive the elements of Communion by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. You may return to your seat by the side aisles.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please pick up a candle as you return to your seat.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven; UMH 70 give us grace that we all may grow in love, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

***A CAROL WITH CANDLES**

Congregation

(The ushers will light the candles of those on the aisles. Once the candle is lit, please do not tilt it. Let the person next to you tilt his/her unlighted candle in order to pass the light. Raise your candle on the last stanza.)

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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, Lord, at thy birth.</p> |
| <p>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!</p> | <p>4. Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!</p> |

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***A BENEDICTION**

***CAROL** **JOY TO THE WORLD** **UMH 246**

***POSTLUDE**

() indicates congregation standing*

If you placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the holiday season, you may take it home with you after this evening's service.

Thank you to all who assisted in this service.

**PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW MORNING AT 10:30
A.M. FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE OF
SINGING AND CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH.**

*Christ
IS Born!*

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2016 11:00 P.M.**

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