

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE: *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221**

***CAROL: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (v.1-3, 6) UMH 234**

Invitation

Confession

Pardon

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 Holy
Communion. The ushers will direct you along the center
aisle to the closest communion to receive the elements
of Communion by intinction, dipping the bread into the
cup. You may return to your seat by the side aisles.
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;
give us grace that we all may grow in love,
glorifying you in all things,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***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 unlit candle
in order to pass the light. Raise your candle on the
last stanza.)

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

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, Lord at thy birth.

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!

***A BENEDICTION**

*JOY TO THE WORLD

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 (*repeat*).
And Heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let men their songs employ
while fields and floods rocks hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy (*repeat*).
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found (*repeat*).
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love (*repeat*).
Wonders, wonders of his love.

A CELEBRATION OF THE INCARNATION OF THE LORD

December 24, 2017 11:00 p.m.

Scripture John 1:1-14
The Christ Candle is Lit

*Christmas Greeting

Pastor: The heavens declare that our Lord has come!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: We join angels and shepherds in praising God.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: We celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world.

People: Glory to God in the highest.

Pastor: Let us pray ...(Prayer from UMH 231)

People: Amen.

*Carol Hark! *The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

Prayer for Illumination:

Incarnate God, as we celebrate your coming into the world, we ask that you would speak to us through your word by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may be a changed people. Inspire us with the joy of the angels, the humility of the shepherds and the love of God expressed in the Christ Child. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music: *Grace from Christmas Snow*, by Sorenson,
Martha Springstead, solo

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Message: Pastor Matt

*The Apostles Creed UMH 881

*Gloria from UMH 238

* NOTES WHEN ALL SHOULD STAND