

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2016

7:00 p.m.

THE GATHERING

CHRISTMAS GREETING *

Pastor: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!

People: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace.

Pastor: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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Pastor: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the world has come.

People: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace.

Pastor: And this light is a light for all, igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

People: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.

PROCESSIONAL* *There's A Song In The Air* **UMH 249**
(v. 1&4)

CAROL **FIRST LESSON** (John's Prologue)
Advent Song (v. 5) **TFWS 2090**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Christmas is a time of wonder, the wonder of Jesus, God-with-us, the Promised One, the light of the world, the Holy One of God. On this holy night we light the Christ candle and we wonder,

People: Is Jesus really here?

Leader: We light this Christ candle and we wonder,

People: Jesus is really here!

Leader: We light this Christ candle and we know

People: God is with us, the Promised One has come, the light of the world breaks through the shadows, the Holy One of God brings peace, hope, love and joy.

ANTHEM *Advent Processional* Daniel Greig

CAROL **SECOND LESSON** (John the Baptist)
Joy to the World **UMH 246**
(v. 1&2)

ANTHEM **THIRD LESSON** (Jesus is Born)
Hope is Born Frombach and Dengler

CAROL* **FOURTH LESSON** (The Shepherds)
Away in a Manger **UMH 217**

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

CAROL **FIFTH LESSON** (The Wise Men)
The First Noel (v. 1-3) **UMH 245**
THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Holy Night* **Adolphe Adam**
RESPONSE (Lynda Lind and Raul Espinosa)

In The Bleak Midwinter (v. 4) **UMH 221**
HOMILY *A Human Translation* Pastor Brian

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.

CAROL **SIXTH LESSON** (And then...)
Angels We Have Heard On High **UMH 238**

CANDLE *Silent Night Verses (v. 1, 2, 4)* **UMH 239**
LIGHTING*

People: And all God's children say thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION*

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

(* 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!*

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