

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2014

10:00 pm



Prelude "Romance" E. Elgar
Clayton Kullander, bassoon

*** Call To Worship** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Leader The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
People On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
Leader Come and worship!
People Shepherds and Magi, saints and angels, young and old.
All God's people, come!
Leader O come, all ye faithful. Jesus Christ is our life and light.
Come, let us worship Him.
People With prayers and praise and song we worship Emmanuel, "God with us."
We worship Christ, the newborn King!

*** Christmas Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 234, verses 1, 3 & 6

*** Welcome and Greeting** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
We invite you to take a moment and greet your neighbors.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Mayes Family

Introduction
Scripture Reading Micah 5:2, 4-5a
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Prayer
Advent Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230, verses 1, 2 & 4

Anthem "Some Children See Him" by J. Martin Adult Choir

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38 Mark Mason
Anthem "Baby, What You Gonna Be?" by N. Sleeth Audrey Johnston

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

The Birth Luke 2:1-7 Anne Wunderlich
Carol "Away in a Manger" No. 217

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Tucker Martin
Anthem "The First Noel" by D. Forrest Adult Choir

The Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Peg Berryman
*** Carol** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

Christmas Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Christmas Eve Offertory
Anthem "Before the Marvel of this Night" by Schalk Adult Choir

Presentation of Our Gifts and Christmas Offerings
*** Doxology** "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221, verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him: give my heart.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal, page 13
Meditative Music Ingrid Reed, cello

The Great Thanksgiving
Receiving the Bread and Cup

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Light from the Christ Candle will be distributed to all worshippers. Please dip the unlit candle into the one that is lit. We invite you to sing "Silent Night" as the candles are being lit. You may extinguish your candles as we sing the closing hymn, "Joy to the World."

*** Christmas Carol** "Silent Night" No. 239

*** Christmas Eve Prayer**

*** Christmas Hymn of Joy** "Joy to the World" No. 246

*** Christmas Benediction**

Postlude "Antioch" K. Keene



Many thanks to those helping with tonight's service!

Organist and Director of Music

Jim Grace

Choir Director

Jeff Brown

Ushers

Judy Awe, Charles Hetzel, Bill Vanni, Ted Zeng

Sound Technician

Jon Elsea



On Sunday, December 28, we invite you to worship with us at our 9:30 am service. Rev. Steve Bullmer will be preaching.

On Sunday, January 4, we return to three morning services: First Light Service at 8:15 am, Traditional Service at 9:30 am, Contemporary Service at 11:00 am.



The Pastors and Staff of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the Christ Child fill your life with grace and peace.



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