

Word, Song and Candlelight
Family Service, 4:00 PM
December 24, 2014

Opening Music

* Call To Worship Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Leader Come, all that are faithful, and all that seek faith,

People It is the season to sing and rejoice!

Leader God's Son is coming into the world.

People He will soon be born a tiny baby in Bethlehem!

All Let's announce the good news! Let's lift up our voices to let the world
know of God's love and our joy!

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

* Welcome and Greeting

We invite you to take a moment and greet your neighbors.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Guiard 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

Christmas Message An Introduction

Christmas Story

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 Ashleigh Velez

Carol "Away in a Manger" No. 217

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 Harry Plohr

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238, verses 1, 2 & 3

Scripture Reading
Carol

Luke 2:15-20
"The First Noel"

Nathan Brockman
No. 245, verses 1 & 2

Christmas Message

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Christmas Song "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

As we sing this song, we invite the two or three people sitting at the outside ends of the pews and the people in the front and back pews to step into the aisle or in the front and back of the church to join hands to form a circle around the congregation. People in the pews can join hands with one another.

Christmas Offertory

After the offering has been taken, the person nearest the aisle is invited to pass the basket of electric candles down the pew. Each person should take a candle. These will be used as we sing "Silent Night." At the end of the service, please place the candles back in the basket. Thank You!

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.

* Offering Prayer

* Christmas Hymn & Lighting of the Christmas Candles
"Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 239, verses 1, 2 & 4
As we stand to sing "Silent Night," please turn on your electric candles.

* Christmas Prayer

* Hymn of Celebration "Joy to the World" No. 246, verses 1 & 2

* Christmas Benediction

Closing Music

* Those who are able are invited to stand

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

Thank you to everyone who helped with this evening's service!

Sound Technician

John Brockman

Pianist

Jim Grace

Acolyte

Anna Becker, Abigail St. Peter

Ushers

Jay Hazlett, Tim Henthorn, Larry Pflederer,
Tom Plohr, Wes Swearingin, Karl Taylor

Many thanks to Ben Hallett, Amanda Seibert, Sarah Mitchell, and Dr. Seuss
for all of their help with tonight's Family Service!

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 all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
May the Christ Child fill your life with grace and peace.



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