

## A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2014

7:00 pm



**Prelude** "Allamande" J. S. Bach  
Paige Kibbler, French Horn

**\* 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 Filicette 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

**Children's Message** Pastor Stephen Williams

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

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

**The Annunciation** Luke 1:26-38 Jennifer Kilmer  
**Anthem** "O Holy Night" by A. Adam Jane Geddie

**The Birth** Luke 2:1-7 Ben Swift  
**Carol** "Away in a Manger" No. 217

**The Angels** Luke 2:8-14 Lexi Sapp  
**Anthem** "The First Noel" by D. Forrest Adult Choir

**The Shepherds** Luke 2:15-20 Pastor Williams  
**\* 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 C. 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**

**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!*

<i>Organist and Director of Music</i>	<i>Jim Grace</i>
<i>Choir Director</i>	<i>Jeff Brown</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Ella and Kennedy Kilmer</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jane Aten, John Aten, Larry Corrigan, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal, David Natzke, Steve Neil, Chris Skinner, Clem Vath</i>
<i>Sound Technician</i>	<i>Aaron Mitchell</i>



*On Sunday, December 28, we invite you to worship with us at  
our 9:30 am service. Rev. Steven 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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