

Many thanks to those helping with tonight's service!

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*On Sunday, December 27, we invite you to worship
with us at our 9:30 am service.*

*On Sunday, January 3, we return to two morning services:
Traditional at 9:30 am and Contemporary 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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Pastors Jamie Hanna Williams & Stephen C. Williams

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2015

10:00 pm



Prelude Clayton Kullander, bassoon

*** 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!

Leader: Let's announce the Good News! Let's lift up our voices to let the world know of God's love and our joy!

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

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

Anthem "Fantasy on Five Christmas Carols" Part I M. Hayes
Adult Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Mayes & Spooner Families

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

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "Christmas Lullaby" M. Huff

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

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Mary Kuhns
Duet "When Love Came Down" C. Eaton
Jane and Danna Victor

The Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Mark Schweitzer
*** Carol** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

Christmas Message "The Gift of the Christ Child" Rev. Dr. Stephen Williams

Christmas Eve Offertory
Anthem "Fantasy on Five Christmas Carols" Part II M. Hayes

Presentation of Our Tithes 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 15
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 "Joy to the World" D. Bish

* Those who are able are invited to stand.