

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>Ushers</i>	<i>John Aten, Larry Corrigan, Eric Fouts, Jay Hazlett, Chris Skinner, Tom Plohr</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Ella & Kennedy Kilmer</i>
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>Mark and Jason Mason, Tom Seibert</i>



*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

7:00 pm



Prelude "Songs of the Season" P. Cota
Bell Ensemble

*** 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Becker 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 Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38 Christy Fouts
Anthem "Christmas Lullaby" M. Huff

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

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Faith Conway
Duet "The Angels' Carol" J. Rutter
Audrey Johnston, Rosie O'Connor

The Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Steve Neil
*** 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 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**

* Those who are able are invited to stand.