

Many Thanks to all 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>The Adult Choir</i>	<i>Musician, Kendra Gohr</i>	<i>Soloist, Mark Schweitzer</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jorge Mina, Tom Plohr, Kendra Lynn Schwartz, Bill Vanni</i>	
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>Janet and Mark Mason</i>	



*On Christmas Sunday, December 25 and New Year's Sunday, January 1,
we invite you to worship with us for one service at 10:00 am.*

*On Sunday, January 8, we return to two morning services -
Traditional at 9:30 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am.*

Please join us!



*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 joy and peace.*



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Pastors Jamie Hanna Williams & Stephen C. Williams

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2016

10:00 pm



Prelude “Ding Dong Merrily On High” D. Court
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” S. Nelson
Kendra Gohr, Euphonium & Jim Grace, Piano

Welcome and Christmas Greeting

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

* Call To Worship Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna 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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction
God’s Gift in Bethlehem
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 “Do You Hear What I Hear” H. Simone
Adult Choir

The Annunciation **The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song**
Solo Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” R. MacGimsey
Mark Schweitzer

The Birth Luke 2:1-7 Mary Ann Burson
Carol “Away in a Manger” No. 217

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Alex Mason
Anthem “Angels’ Carol” John Rutter
Adult Choir

The Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Jean Mina
* Carol “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 240

Christmas Message “Come to the Manger” Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Christmas Eve Offertory “Infant Holy” R. Redhead
Kendra Gohr

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 13
Anthem “Coventry Carol” H. Helvey

The Great Thanksgiving
Receiving the Bread and Cup

Lighting of the Christmas Candles “Silent Night” No. 239
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.”
Please be careful with the wax as you put out your candles.

* Christmas Eve Prayer

* Christmas Hymn of Joy “Joy to the World” No. 246

* Christmas Benediction

Postlude “Joy to the World” M. Limbaugh