

*Many Thanks to all those helping with tonight's service!*

*Organist and Director of Music*

*Jim Grace*

*Choir Director*

*Jeff Brown*

*The Adult Choir & The Heritage Bell Ensemble*

*Ushers*

*Steve Emminger, Eric Fouts, Jay Hazlett, Bill Kenyon  
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*Acolytes*

*Kennedy Kilmer, Abbey McFarland*

*Tech Crew*

*Daniel Fouts, Mark Mason, Tom Seibert*



*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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# A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2016

7:00 pm



<b>Prelude</b>	“Carols of the Season” Bell Ensemble	J. Krug
<b>Welcome and Christmas Greeting</b> We invite you to take a moment and greet your neighbors.		
<b>* Call To Worship</b>		Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
Leader	Come all that are faithful, and all that seek faith.	
People	<b>It is the season to sing and rejoice!</b>	
Leader	God’s Son is coming into the world	
People	<b>He will soon be born a tiny baby in Bethlehem!</b>	
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!	
<b>* Christmas Hymn</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	No. 234, verses 1, 3 & 6
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>		
		The Fouts Family Eric, Christy, Daniel, Ana, Andrew
Introduction		
God’s Gift in Bethlehem		Micah 5:2, 4-5a
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
Prayer		
Advent Song	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	No. 230, verses 1, 2 & 4
<b>Children’s Message</b>		Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
<b>Anthem</b>	“Coventry Carol” Adult Choir	H. Helvey

# The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

<b>The Annunciation</b> Solo	Luke 1:26-38 “Little Town” Jane and Danna Victor	Jim Stewart C. Eaton
<b>The Birth</b> Carol	Luke 2:1-7 “Away in a Manger”	Mikaila Corrigan No. 217
<b>The Angels</b> Anthem	Luke 2:8-14 “The Angels’ Carol” Adult Choir	Kelsey Corrigan J. Rutter
<b>The Shepherds</b> *Carol	Luke 2:15-20 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	Steve Neil No. 240
<b>Christmas Message</b>	“Come to the Manger”	Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
<b>Christmas Eve Offertory</b>		
Anthem	“Do You Hear What I Hear?”	H. Simone
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		
<b>Lighting of the Christmas Candles</b>	“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.	
<b>* Christmas Eve Prayer</b>		
<b>* Christmas Hymn of Joy</b>	“Joy to the World”	No. 246
<b>* Christmas Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Joy to the World”	M. Limbaugh

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.