

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2018

PRELUDE : "O Holy Night"

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME

**Organist, Pam Kukucka
Joe DeGrande**

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joe DeGrande

Leader: It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.

People: From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.

Leader: Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious king.

People: The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing!

Leader: For Lo! by prophet seen of old the days are hastening on, when with the years shall come the time foretold,

People: when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole DeGrande

world send back the song which now the angels sing.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leslie and Alexis Morrey

Leader: The Prince of Peace is coming! We light for Him the spark of life, for we know He comes to live in our hearts! (light 1st candle)

People: He is the Light of Love in the night which guides us to God! (light 2nd candle)

Leader: We light the light of His kingdom, His way of love which saves us from ourselves. (light 3rd candle)

People: We rejoice in the light which shines out of the darkness and welcome Him with love, hope and the gift of our lives! (light 4th candle)

Leader: Take His light into the night and share it with others. Take His Love and let it live anew. Take His peace and may it be yours now and forever. (light Christ candle)

**ALL: Glory to God in the heaven and on earth highest peace to all of God's children!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. AMEN!**

*****OPENING HYMN: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

UMH # 218

(please be seated following singing of hymn)

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2,6-7
"The First Noel" (vs. 1,2 & 3)

**Carolyn Burrows
UMH # 245**

Second Lesson

John 1:1-4, 9-14
"Away in a Manger"

**Joe DeGrande
UMH # 217**

PUPPET MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 4)

**Dot Lambert
UMH # 230**

Fourth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**Virginia Ahart
UMH # 229**

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Joyce Monska & Joe

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*****RESPONSE:** *"Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 3)

**Joyce Monska
UMH # 240**

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
(Please stand for singing of this Hymn)

**Art Cooper
UMH # 238**

SERMONETTE and PRAYER

Rev. David F. Hurst

*****CAROL: "Silent Night" (Words on Back of Bulletin)**
(Please circle the Sanctuary as we sing this hymn for candle lighting)

*****CAROL: "JOY TO THE WORLD" (Words on Back of Bulletin)**
Presenting the Christ Candle as we sing - **Joe DeGrande**

SENDING FORTH

"SILENT NIGHT"

- 1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**
- 2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**
- 3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord, at thy birth.**
- 4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**
- 2. Joy to the world, the Savior reign! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove; the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**