

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2017

**Prelude
Welcome**

Pam Kukucka

****Call to Worship**

Rev. David F. Hurst

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 to hear the Angels sing!

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

People: When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Bustamante Family

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!

People: He is the Light of Love in the night which guides us to God!

Leader: We light the light of His kingdom, His way of love which save us from will ourselves.

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

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.

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!

****Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

UMH # 218

First Lesson

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

**Virginia Ahart
UMH # 245**

Second Lesson

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

**Carolyn Burrows
UMH # 217**

Puppet Ministry Presentation

Third Lesson

**Luke 1:26-38
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (VS 1 & 4)**

**Art Cooper
UMH # 230**

Fourth Lesson

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

**Dot Lambert
UMH # 229**

Offertory Presentation: "Mary Did You Know" Joe DeGrande

****Response: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings" UMH #94
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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
Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (VS 1 & 4)**

**Joyce Monska
UMH # 234**

Sixth Lesson

**Luke 2:8-16
**Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High"
(please stand for singing of this hymn)**

**Nancy Harding
UMH # 238**

Sermonette and Prayer

Rev. David F. Hurst

Please circle the sanctuary for candle lighting

****Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" words on back of bulletin**

****Presenting the Christ Candle (Joe DeGrande) while we sing
"Joy To The World" words on back of bulletin**

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 reigns! 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. **No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**
4. **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**