

**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**