

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

* This mark invites those who are able to please stand

GATHERING TIME: Welcome & Announcements

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Melissa & Talena Sprecher*

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord has come.

People: Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God, is born this night.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness –on them a light has shined.

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

All: He is our Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

***HYMN** *O Come All Ye Faithful* 234

***OPENING PRAYER** *Melissa & Talena Sprecher*

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that His Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome Him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Worthington Family; Grant, Stephanie,
Morgan and Brooklyn*

LESSONS & CAROLS

Readers please come forward during the last song prior to your reading and turn the page when you are done.

Thank you.

FIRST LESSON **Luke 1:26-35, 38** *Jerry Bower*

Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised son whose kingdom shall never end.

CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem 230

SECOND LESSON **Luke 2:1-7** *Russ Shannon*

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes Jesus is born.

CAROL: Away in the Manger 217

THIRD LESSON **Luke 2:8-16** *Jerry Bower*

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

CAROL: Angels We Had Heard on High 238

FOURTH LESSON **Matthew 2:1-11** *Russ Shannon*

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL: We Three Kings 254

FIFTH LESSON **John 1:1-14** *Pastor Wiley*

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WORSHIP IN GIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Those serving in worship today:

Pianist: Sharon Moore

CANDLE LIGHTING

At this time the candles will be lit. To prevent from being burned by wax, please do not tip your candle once it has been lit.

Note: Verse 1 will be a solo vocal sung by Allison Ewing

Verse 2 – 4 congregation will join in singing

***CAROL** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Verse 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.**

Verse 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!**

Verse 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.**

Verse 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**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



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*** Our offering tonight will go to Lydia's House and Passages**

May the Lord bless you for coming tonight and celebrating the birth of the New Born King with us. May the Lord protect you and your family as you travel this Christmas Season.

*** Our thanks to everyone who took part in our worship service tonight. God Bless!**



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