

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
December 24, 2019  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to become growing followers of Jesus Christ and to reach out to others in unconditional love because God first loved us.*

\* This mark invites those who are able to please stand.

*Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS–

*The Sprecher Family – Melissa, Talena & Annabeth*

ARE WE THERE YET? - *Love*

**Reader One:** We light this candle. It seems a simple thing, lighting a candle, a quiet thing that I do alone, to provide something bright in the midst of all my darkness. But it doesn't make that much difference. It doesn't change the power of the night to bring doubt and fear and separation. It doesn't make the world a better place, lighting a candle. Does it?

**Reader Two:** We light these candles. Because we have seen a light and we believe increasing that light does make a difference in the world around us. We light these candles because we want to be people of the light, who know a God who loved the world so much, this God chose to be born in a manger in the midst of the darkness. We light these candles as a sign of the light of the world that is coming into our darkness, and we sing with joy.

**Reader One:** The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth let there be Love.

*(Light ALL candles on the wreath.)*

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**Reader Two:** Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and trust.

\* HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

\* PRESENTATION HYMN 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 240

OLD TESTAMENT *Titus 2:11-14* 1182

NEW TESTAMENT *Luke 2:1-20* 1014

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *“The Good News”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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*

\*HYMN *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

\* **Our offering tonight will go to Lydia's House and Richland Community Food Pantry Ministries.**

\* **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!**

**Serving tonight:**

*Advent Candle Reader/Lighter:* The Sprecher Family

*Pianist:* Sharon Moore

*Scripture Readers:* Russ Shannon

*Special Vocal:* Allison Ewing

*Usher:* Ron Orsburn



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