

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 24, 2017 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE

Zechariah 9: 9a-10

Pew Bible, pg 1032

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal #234 vs.1-2

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 35:1-6

Donna Belle Dove

Pew Bible, pg 775

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces Good News: God is coming back, and bringing the exiles home!

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL:

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Hymnal #218 vs.1&4

SECOND LESSON:

Isaiah 40:1-8

Youth

Pew Bible, pg 779-780

The prophet brings God's word of comfort to a weary people assuring them of the Lord's forgiveness and promise. **Thanks be to God.**

*CAROL:

"Joy to the World"

Hymnal #246 vs.1-2

THIRD LESSON:

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Youth

Pew Bible, pg 80

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Ave Maria"

Susan Holsinger and Brenda Hoover

FOURTH LESSON:

Matthew 1:18-23

Sandy Cupp

Pew Bible, pg 2

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream telling of God's plan to bring salvation through Mary's child. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal #230 vs.1&3

FIFTH LESSON:

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible, pg 79

Youth

Mary delivers the baby Jesus at Bethlehem and lays him in a manger.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"O Holy Night"

Katie Almquist

SIXTH LESSON:

Luke 2:8-14

Lacey Roberts

Pew Bible, pg 79

The angels appear to shepherds with a song of praise! **Thanks be to God.**

*CAROL:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymnal #240 vs.1-2

SEVENTH LESSON:

Luke 2:15-20

Bev Thompson

Pew Bible, pg 79-80

The Shepherds visit the newborn Jesus to tell God's good news to all!

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"What Can I Give Him"

Murphy and Trio

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

served in the pew

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Thanksgiving over the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Blessing

Thanksgiving for the Holy Sacrament

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Haviland/Skillman Family

Remain seated as we sing and the "light" is shared throughout the congregation.

Remember: as you receive your light from another candle please tip the unlit candle toward the lit candle to receive the light. Continue to keep your lit candle upright.

HYMN OF EXPECTATION:

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Hymnal #239

(with assist of JR Almquist on guitar)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Please extinguish your candle as you leave the sanctuary quietly and as you ponder the mystery of our Lord's birth and God's unfathomable love for us all!

* Please stand if you are able. If standing is difficult feel free to remain seated.

Bold type indicates reading response of congregation.

A SAVIOR IS BORN

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Sunday School: 9am

Worship: 10 am



Staff

Pastor: Tom Murphy

Secretary: Lisa Thacker

Custodian: Angie Coffman

Music Coordinator: Brenda Hoover

Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts



Pianist: Susan Holsinger

Organist: Brenda Hoover



Those who purchased poinsettias please pick them up after the service..



IN A MANAGER YOU WILL FIND AN
INFANT WRAPPED IN SWADDLE CLOTHES

Luke 2: 12

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017

7pm

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