

SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
A SERVICE OF LESSONS, CAROLS AND HOLY COMMUNION
December 24th, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Bryan Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, for God is with us - Emmanuel.
In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.
Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.
God is truly with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 234

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dale Wyrick

Gracious God,
With joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people.
We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth.
In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts
that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time.
Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world.
Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among
those God favors."
This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen

THE PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:1-2, 4-5

Hannah Couch

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Patty Tallent Crowder & Barbara Tallent

THE COMING OF JESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Angela & Mike Jackson

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 230

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:6-7

Erin Couch

SOLO

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Angela Jackson

JESUS' BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:9-14

Cindy Ross

HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 218

THE SHEPHERDS FIND THE BABY JESUS

Luke 2:15-18

Judy Ezell

HYMN

"The First Noel"

No. 245

THE WISE MEN BRING THEIR GIFTS TO JESUS

Matthew 2:1-11

Rev. Dale Wyrick

SOLO

"O Holy Night"

Kaitlyn Miller

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Rev. Dale Wyrick

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We are filled with joy for we have heard the good news of great joy. We are filled with love for we have tasted the sign of God's great love. We are filled with hope for the angels still sing in our world and there is a Light for us to follow.

***THE CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

***HYMN**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"
(see back cover for words)

No. 239

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dale Wyrick

***Congregation standing**



We thank you for joining us on this holy night as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May our hearts truly experience the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love found in the Christ Child. Rejoice! Unto us a child is born!

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

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!

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.

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!

PIANIST Angela Jackson

ORGANIST Bryan Massengale

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Christmas



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Rev. Dale S. Wyrick
Minister