



Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

December 24, 2017 11:00 P.M.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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We Gather Together

A “•” invites you to stand, as you are able. Please silence your electronic devices.

- Prelude** harp and violin
- Chiming of the Hour**
- Introit** *Do You Hear What I Hear*
- Reading** **Isaiah 9:2-7**
(Lighting of the Advent Wreath)
- Response** *The Coming of the Lord*
Chancel Choir, Dawn Scott-soloist
- **Call to Worship**
 - **Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (red book) no. 234 (vs. 1,2,3,6)
- Welcome**
- **Carol** *Angels, We Have Heard on High* (red book) no. 238
- Litany/Reading**
Leader: God promised to save God's world.
People: And the people believed.
Leader: God sent the prophets to remind them of the covenant of trust and love.
People: And the people believed.
Leader: In the fullness of time, God's promise became incarnate in the life of Mary.
People: Mary and Joseph believed.
Leader: Those who were the least and the lost received good news.
People: And they believed.
Leader: We are called to open our hearts, spirits, and minds to God's Good News.
People: That, believing, we may be witnesses to God's great love. AMEN.
- Anthem** *O Come Let Us Adore Him/Worship the King*
Chancel Choir
- Scripture** **Luke 2:1-14**
- Response** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
Bells of Glory
- Scripture** **Luke 2:15-20**

Response *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Marc Schwartz
Grettenbergers Plus

Message **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place** Pastor Grettenberger

Response *Mary Did You Know*
Grettenbergers Plus

(Presentation of the Incarnate Christ)

Communion and Service of Lights

Words of Institution and Blessing of the Elements

Offering

Tonight's special offering supports UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) disaster relief efforts. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Dunes. Please Designate "Advent Offering" on your envelope or the memo line of your check. All other gifts will support our general offering.

Communion Music

Ave Maria

Emma Grettenberger, soprano

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward via the center aisle as the ushers direct to receive the elements, returning via the side aisles.

You may bring your offering and place it in the plates on either side of the aisle before taking communion.

Scripture **John 1:1-5,14**

Lighting of the Candles to Silent Night Instrumental Interlude organ, violin, instruments

Carol **Silent Night** with instruments, bells

***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.***
(We are invited to carefully raise our candle during this last verse)
***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** (Please extinguish candles and leave candles at Sanctuary exits.)
- **Congregational Response** **Joy to the World** (red book) No. 246

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

- **Postlude**

Participants in this Evening's Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Chaw Paw Klay

Choirs: Bells of Glory and Chancel Choir

Instrumentalists: Molly Grettenberger, harp; Kaylee Erlewein, violin; Marc Schwartz, clarinet

Vocalists: Karen, Louis, Emma & Molly Grettenberger, Joe Erlewein

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Interim Director of Bells of Glory: Marna Jeffery

Interim Director of Chancel Choir: Carol Kirchner

Pastor: Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Ushers: Neal Miller, Doug Mitchell, Vaughn Umphrey

Greeters: Gwen & John Bartels

Welcome Center: Anna Cox

We thank all who have given of their time and gifts that we might celebrate the remembrance of the birth of Christ.

Welcome to all who are here to worship this evening. It is our prayer that God may renew your spirit and faith during this holy season. We invite you to worship with us on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.