

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Willis

SIXTH LESSON Reading: Luke 2:1-18

SONG "All is Well" Smith/Kirkpatrick
James Foley, French Horn

PRAYER:
Lord, you came to us as a child, in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those who need it most. Amen.

SEVENTH LESSON Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

SONG "Stille Nacht" Gruber

PRAYER:
Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. Teach us to freely share our gifts with others, for the glory of your name. Amen.

EIGHTH LESSON Reading: John 1:1-4; 14

SHARING THE LIGHT

HYMN 253 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

PRAYER:
God of power and might, you are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize your majesty and give praise to you in all we do. Amen.

NINTH LESSON Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

SONG "Christ is Born" Charles/Bartolucci, arr. Elkins
Sarah Keenen, soloist, Bobby Foley & Rob Toth, additional keyboards

PRAYER:
Lord, you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Give us words filled with the power of Love. Help us proclaim your good news with our whole lives. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN 270 "Joy to the World!"

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE "O, Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Dello Joio

Serving this evening

Liturgist: Dave Williams Greeter: Judi Pavisich
Advent Candle Lighters: Ken Mehalko and Bev Wehr
Director of Music: Thomas M. Foley Associate Director of Music: Mike Elkins
French Horn: James M. Foley Clarinet: Ken Mehalko
Organ: Sharon Heinrich Flute: Lisa Heinrich

The United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols



Tuesday, December 24, 2019
11:00 p.m.

The United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Christmas Eve Worship 11 p.m.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Dello Joio

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Tonight, we come to glorify God, rejoicing with all Creation in the birth of the Savior.

P: God comes, so we might believe, and be blessed.

L: Our hearts leap for joy, for God is coming to us as a child.

P: God comes for those who hunger for hope, and for those who thirst for grace.

L: Holy is the One who comes in God's name, fulfilling every promise of God.

P: God comes to walk with those who follow in faith, to bring peace to our shattered world.

† OPENING HYMN 249 "O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

FIRST LESSON Reading: Genesis 1 (excerpts)

HYMN 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER:

Lord of mercy, in spite of our sinfulness, your love for us never wavered.

Fill our hearts with your mercy. Teach us to love; show us how to forgive one another. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-6

SONG "Away in a Manger" arr. Miller
Ken Mehalko, Clarinet

PRAYER:

Lord, you have promised that your reign would be a time of never-ending justice and peace. May we have the courage to bring your justice in our time. Amen.

THIRD LESSON Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

PRAYER:

Lord, we eagerly wait for the day of your perfect peace. May we work together for peace, in our hearts, in our families and in our world. Amen.

FOURTH LESSON

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-6

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ken Mehalko & Bev Wehr

Leader: In a world where so many people live in despair, God lights a Candle of Hope in our hearts.

People: "By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation. You are our Hope, to the ends of the earth and the farthest seas."

Leader: In a world where so many people experience hatred, God lights a Candle of Love in our hearts.

People: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him would not perish, but have everlasting life."

Leader: In a world where so many people are living with sorrow, God lights a Candle of Joy in our hearts.

People: "The root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will find hope in him."

Leader: In a world where so many people experience violence, God lights a Candle of Peace in our hearts.

People: "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Leader: In a world where so many people wait in darkness, light comes into our hearts, through a baby born in a manger. He is Emmanuel, God with Us! This is the word of the Lord:

People: "For to us a child is born; to us a Son is given. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor; Almighty God; Everlasting Father; Prince of Peace."

Leader: The Light that shines in the darkness cannot be extinguished.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 273

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

PRAYER:

God, you are always with us. May we always trust in your presence, and let our light shine brightly in the world. Amen

FIFTH LESSON

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

SONG "A Tiny Child Will Come" Price/Besig

PRAYER:

Lord, in faith, Joseph and Mary trusted you. May we grow in our ability to trust, and always rely on you. Amen.

*In memory of our parents Rev. K.M. Mathew and Mrs. Mathew
and Dr. K.M. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas
Rev. Oommen and Leela Thomas*

*In loving memory of my husband, Jack
In celebration of Family and Friends
Barbara White*

*In loving memory of Chris and Karen Morgan
In loving memory of Richard and Kathleen Zielinski
The Zielinski Family*

*With special thanks to the anonymous donor whose generosity
provided funds for extra music and musicians for Christmas
The Music Committee*



**To the Glory of God,
the poinsettias are given...**



*Special thoughts & prayers for all our loved ones living and deceased and for those
who can't be with their families. Happy Birthday, O Holy One!*

The Abruzzino/Krisak Familia

*In loving memory of Jane & John Barbish and Rose & Frank Kapcar, Sr.
Teri and Gary Barbish*

*In honor of our children and grandchildren: Brandt, Gelin, and Aidan Camp
and Abby, Hunter, and Hannah Colao
Mark and Barbara Camp*

*Merry Christmas to my parents, Bill and Dorothy Ritchie
In memory of my grandparents, Pete & Edna Lansell and Leroy & Rusha Ritchie
Gina Cathcart*

*In memory of Gordon Cockrell,
Harry and Kathryn Johnson, Harold and Wava Cockrell
Kathryn Cockrell and family*

*In loving memory of family and friends
Jim and Linda Dettmer*

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Barb Fraunfelder*

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*In loving memory of Charles and Thelma Hawk
In loving memory of Richard Mack*
Dale and Cathy Hawk

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Michael E. Dickson, and Brooke M. Akins*
The Jannsohn-Dickson-Joyce Family

In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn and Mary Joyce-Smith & James J. Joyce, Sr.
The Joyce-Jannsohn-Dickson Family

Merry Christmas, Trevor and Abby!
Love, Aunt Sarah Keenen

To All the Members of the Church
Bonnie Khavaran

In loving memory of Gale, Rich, and all who have completed their journeys
Pastor Heidi and Chuck McDougall

In loving memory of all our loved ones
Lola (Szucs) Millhoane

*In loving memory of Susan Stevenson Tressa
In honor of Tom Foley, Sharon Heinrich, and Mike Elkins*
The Music Ministry

In honor of Judy & Bill Munshower Mom & Dad)
Merry Christmas!
Love you both, Kelley

*In loving memory of Joyce Oerkfitz and Richard Churnega
In loving memory of Harold and Mabel Hamblin and John and Clara Oerkfitz*
With love, Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz



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Rich & Susan Stevenson Tressa, Leah Tressa, Mike Lucan, and Charlie Garner*
Sandy O'Shea, Schyler, Devin, and Doug Thorn

*In memory of our parents, John and Bonnie Couchey
and James and Anna Pavisich*
George and Judi Pavisich

*In memory of our family members, George Reed, Sr. and Marie Wolf
and Paul and Eileen Mlincek, Dale Mlincek, and George Patterson*
Joyce and George Reed

*In loving memory of Pete and Edna Lansell
In loving memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie*
Bill and Dorothy Ritchie

*In loving memory of our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements
In loving memory of our parents, Roger and Lorna Robinson
In loving memory of our aunt, Rhea Clements*
Becky and Bill Robinson

*In memory of our loved ones who have gone before us—
always in our hearts*
Giner and Ron Rothel

*In memory of Pat and Dutch Schultz
In memory of Richard Washington*
Patty Sasala

Celebrating our children and grandchildren
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko