

Christmas Eve
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church
December 24, 2017
7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

Prelude *“Longing For The Light”* *arr. J. Martin*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle—John 1:1-2, 4-5

Call to Worship

Rejoice, for God is with us.

In the darkness of our world, a holy light shines.

We can hope, love, rejoice, live.

God is truly with us. We are not alone. O come, all ye faithful.

Opening Hymn: UMH No. 234 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (v. 1-4)
Jill Gilbert, Trumpet; Mike Barnhouse, Organ

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Good News for Children (7:00 only) *“Go Tell It On the Mountain”*
(please sing as the Children come forward)
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Special Music (11:00 only) *“Carol of the Bells”* Handbell Choir

The Prophecy of the Messiah Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol: UMH No. 230 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

The Coming of Jesus Is Announced to Mary Luke 1:26-38

Choir Anthem *“A Celtic Gloria”* *Martin*

The Coming of Jesus is Announced to Joseph Matthew 1:18-25

Special Music *“The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”* Men’s Chorus

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts

Our Christmas Offering: Unless otherwise designated for the General or Building Fund, tonight’s offering goes to the Good Samaritan Fund—the emergency fund of Forrest Burdette which assists the emergency needs of those in the Hurricane community.

Offertory *“Mary, Did You Know”* *Lowry/Decesare*
Leah Woodworth, Justin Altizer, Mike Barnhouse

Offertory Response

Praise him who in the manger lay, on that first joyful Christmas day. Praise him for all his wondrous love, who came to us from heaven above. Amen.

Special Music *“O Holy Night”* Jayné Kirk & Orchestra

The Birth of Jesus Christ Luke 2:1-20

Words to Live By *“A Personal Christmas Greeting”* Ellis Conley

THE LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS

Lighting the Candles

Hymn of Light: UMH No. 239 *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

THE LIGHT GOES OUT TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: UMH No. 246 *“Joy to the World”*
Orchestra

Benediction

Postlude *“Joy to the World”* *arr. Barnhouse*

WE SCATTER TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN OUR WORLD

Sunday Worship: If you don't have a church home, join us for worship next Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve.

Luke 2:22-40; *"Would You Recognize the Christ If You Saw Him?"*

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Blended Worship

Christmas Day Churchwide Dinner: We invite you to our Christmas Day Dinner here at the church. If you know someone who will be by themselves, invite them to eat with us! We will be eating at 2:00 p.m., with ham, baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, and drinks provided. If possible, bring a dish to share. Take out plates will be provided. Special thank you to Jill Gilbert who organizes this event.

Upcoming Ministries: Wednesday Night Live, for children, middle school youth, and adults, begins January 10. COOL Kids (preschool, 2's-5th grade), Uth (grades 6-12), and small group classes for adults meet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Because of the kitchen renovation, we will not be having Fellowship Dinners this semester.

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes from the Narthex. Picking them up saves the church the postage of mailing them to you next week.

Orchestra:

Piano-Mike Barnhouse : Keyboard-Donna Barnhouse and Jill Turner

Percussion-Chad Halstead : Flute-Mikki Larch and Beth Sauvageot

Cello-Brenda McBrayer : Trumpet-Jill Gilbert and Justin Altizer

Trombone-Sam Holdren and Ben Wilson : French Horn-Michael Gibson

Clarinet-Judy Clendenin

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