

PRELUDE **“Still, Still”** arr., Linda R. Lamb
 Handbell Choir

WELCOME Pastor Dennis Bromley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dennis & Karen Genson-

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Rejoice then, you people, for Christ’s presence lives among us,

People: Bringing light to our world.

CAROL **“Angels We Have Heard on High”** #238

ANTHEM **“Mary, Did You Know?”** arr., Anna Laura Page
 Handbell Choir
 Bruce Rillema, Soloist

OFFERTORY **“Repeat the Sounding Joy”** arr., Susan T. Nelson
 Handbell Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC **“We Three Kings”** arr., Cynthia Dobrinski
 Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE **Luke 2:1-20**

MEDITATION **“News of Joy and Love”** Pastor Dennis Bromley

CAROL **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** #234

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*insert*)

RECEIVING AND SPREADING THE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

We will sing “Silent Night.” Please leave your candle lit through the hymn and Benediction; then extinguish it before you leave the pew and place it in the box provided as you leave the sanctuary. *Never tip a lighted candle.*

*** “SILENT NIGHT”** (*On screen/wall*)

***BENEDICTION**

We welcome infants and children in worship! But if you prefer, you may take your little one down to the staffed nursery.

Come worship with us on Sundays!

9:00 am Contemporary Service

10:00 am Pre-Kindergarten through adult Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service

Nursery available 8:45-12:15.

Questions? Ask an usher.

Tonight’s Worship Leaders

Rev. Dennis B. Bromley, Pastor

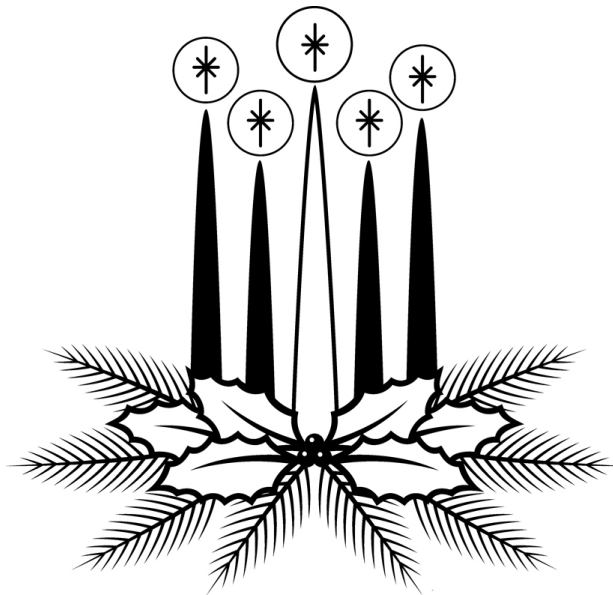
Becky Sopha, Organist and Director of Music

John Reed, Handbell Choir Director

WORSHIP SERVERS: *Thank you for serving!*

LITURGIST.....**Bill Mitchell**
COMMUNION STEWARDS.....**Sandy Nellis, Sharon Wagner,
Marcia Olmstead, Ramona Myers**
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS.....**Bill & Shirley Mitchell,
Sandy Sgro, Ed & Maralee McCumber**
USHERS.....**John & Erma Rodgers and Friends**
SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN.....**Kirk Myers**

ASK AN USHER FOR Large Print Worship Bulletins, Large Print Hymnals, and Children's Doodle Folders



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2015

7:30 PM

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VISION STATEMENT

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Pastors: **Rev. Dennis B. Bromley**

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Music Director: **Rebecca Sopha** ~~ Handbell Director: **John Reed**

Praise Band Director: **Jac Russell**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, in this season of hope and expectancy, we look at our own lives and confess that we need the miracle of your love and peace. Joy has exploded into our history, yet we do not know how to be joyful. Peace has permeated our planet, yet we continue to war among ourselves. Hope was born in Christ, yet we allow despair to consume us.

We seek your mercy, O God. Come among us with gentleness and power. Flood our darkness with your light. Fill our emptiness with your love. Break our silence with your word.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

- Communion will be served by intinction at the front of the sanctuary.
- You are welcome to receive a piece of bread and dip it gently into the cup.
- Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. All are welcome at the Communion table: church members and non-members, adults and children.
- Please return to your seats by the side aisle.