

PRELUDE **“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”** Hustad/Smith
 “Gesù Bambino” Petro Yon
 “The First Noel” Hustad/Smith
 Piano/Organ Duet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE
 Marcia Olmstead and Judy Shoemaker

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.

OPENING CAROL **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** **#234, vss 1,2,3**

WELCOME Pastor Dennis Bromley

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Were You There on That Christmas Eve”**
 Written by Natalie Sleeth
 Sung by Heather Kaatz

OFFERTORY **“What Child Is This”** Hustad/Smith
 Piano/Organ

***CHRISTMAS CAROL** **“The First Noel”** **#245, vss 1 & 2**

VOCAL SOLO **“Still, Still, Still”** Norman Luboff
 Phyllis Heimall

SCRIPTURE **Luke 2:1-20**

MEDITATION **“Good News for Who?”** Pastor Dennis

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *(Insert)*
 “Lamb of God” arr., Mark Hayes
 Piano Solo
 “A Communion Hymn for Christmas Eve” Tom Fettke
 Chancel Choir

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**

*You are invited to worship with us on Sundays.
 9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School for pre-Kindergarten through Adult
 11:00 am Traditional Service
 Staffed nursery available 8:45-12:15*

Tonight’s Worship Leaders
 Rev. Dennis B. Bromley, Pastor
 Becky Sopha, Organist and Director of Music
 Rogene Lathouwers, Pianist

WORSHIP SERVERS: *Thank you for serving!*

**COMMUNION STEWARDS.....Ruth Barritt, Ramona Myers,
Sandy Nellis, Marcia Olmstead, Sharon Wagner**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS.....Dennis Genson, Judy Hill,
Yvonne Wilson, Betty Tabor, & Friends**

USHERS.....Lou Wolven & Friends

SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN.....Wally Brown

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Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2016

11:00 PM

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VISION STATEMENT

Believers seeking and sharing the character of Christ

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

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Office Manager: **Rev. Laurie McKinven-Copus**

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

Praise Band Director: **Jac Russell**

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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: members and non-members, adults and children.
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