Mentor United Methodist Church



December 24, 2021 9 PM Traditional Service Christmas Eve

Prelude "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forrest Chancel Choir; Tracy Paroubek, clarinet

Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Hymn 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

* Hymn 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Service of Lessons and Carols

Luke 2:1-5

Hymn 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:7-12

Worship Through Music "Let the Stable Still Astonish" arr. Jack Schrader

Luke 2:13-18

Hymn 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Luke 2:19-20

Hymn 218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Offertory "Angel Tidings" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Canticle Bells

Prayer

^{*} Congregation invited to stand if able.

The Passing of the Light

The Pastor lights a candle from the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. Those assisting light their candles from the Pastor's candle and then light the candle of the worshipers nearest the aisle. The person nearest the aisle passes the light to the next person in the pew. As you pass the light say, "I give you the light of the world."

(If you are using a glow stick, activate it as the candle is passed by you. Lit candles should not be tipped to avoid wax dripping on clothing and the floor. Tip the unlit candle when lighting it from your neighbor's lit candle.)

During the lighting of the candles, the organ will play "Silent Night". After the lighting of all candles, the congregation is asked to stand and sing.

* **Hymn 239** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

* Christmas Blessing

* **Hymn 246** "Joy to the World"

* Benediction

* Benediction Response "Hallelujah!" from Messiah George Frideric Handel

While in years past we have enjoyed welcoming you to come up to the Chancel for the Hallelujah Chorus, **this year we ask that you sing from where you are**.

* **Postlude** "From Heaven Above" Wilbur Held

Sunday Services: Traditional Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM • Modern Worship at 9 AM

The Gathering at 11 AM, Fellowship Hall, mask required

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