

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

7 pm - December 24, 2016

## We Gather Together

Prelude **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (arr. Innes)

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

All: **The first candle of Advent was the candle of Hope.  
The second Advent candle represents Love.  
The third Advent candle represents Joy.  
The fourth Advent candle represents Peace.  
Tonight we light the Christ Candle.**

One: (The Acolyte lights all the candles.)

All: **Jesus was born on this night, many years ago.**

One: Jesus is born tonight, coming into our lives and world. What a night of rejoicing!

All: **May the Christ Child show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

One: Let us pray:

All: **O God of new beginnings, we are thankful for the birth of Jesus, your child, your light, our hope, our Savior. Bless all the world, we pray. Amen.**

\*Carol #217 **Away In a Manger**

Children's Blessing

Carol #254 **We Three Kings**

## Lessons and Carols

Lesson Luke 2:1-5

Gift of Music, Peggy Sonke **Mary, Sweet Mary** (Tiffany Arbuckle-Lee & Keith Thomas)

Lesson Luke 2:6-7

Carol #235 **Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy**

Lesson Luke 2:8-12

Carol #245 Verses 1 & 2 **The First Noel**

Lesson Luke 2:13-14

Carol #240 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Message Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Carol #218 Verses 1, 2 & 4 **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

## We Respond to the Word

Offering Gifts and Our Lives to Christ's Service

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory **What Child is This?** (English Melody)

\*Doxology #229 **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the baby is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go Forth Into the World

Carol and the Light #239 **Silent Night**

#246 **Joy to the World**

Benediction

Postlude **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** (arr. Bock)

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*\*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

## Ministering Today - 7 pm

Greeters	Heinz Herzog, Jayne Schafer
Ushers	Ken & Linda McKenney
Musician	Liz Montcastle, Phil Pletcher, Peggy Sonke
Sound Tech	Pat Carruthers
Child Advocate	Skyler Maitner

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