

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Christmas Day
10 am - December 25, 2016

We Gather Together

Prelude **Angels We Have Heard on High** (arr. Smith, /Hustad)

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: The Savior of the World has come! Alleluia!

All: **We are drawn to that stable where the cries of a newborn fill the air with hope and promise, waiting for the presence of God to permeate all the air, filling the world, filling humanity, with that truth, causing the child in every womb to leap with joy.**

One: A child is born, God is present, the wilderness vanishes - at least for a moment.

All: **Salvation enters the world once more, in the normal cycles of living. Alleluia!**

*Hymn #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lessons and Carols

Gospel John 1:1-14

Sharing *WHAT GIFT DID YOU BRING?*

*Hymn #219 ***What Child Is This?***

Sermon Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Hymnal #883 Affirmation of Faith

Psalm Psalm 98

Sharing *WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS? WHY?*

We Respond to the Word

Offering Gifts and Our Lives to Christ's Service

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Appalachian Christmas Carols (Persichetti)

*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

Sharing

WHAT ARE THE PRAYERS OF THE WORLD?

*Hymn 217

Away in a Manger

We Go Forth Into the World

Sharing

HOW WILL CHRISTMAS CHANGE YOU?

*Hymn #251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World (Handel/Johnson)

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

Ministering Today - 10 am

Greeters	Ron & Delores Sanford, Pat Warren, Lynda Edsall
Acolyte	Ava Kropp
Ushers	Bob Williams, Chuck Dear, Dennis Strong, Jim Gustafson
Musician	Liz Montcastle
Sound Tech	
Nursery	Sheryl Jones
Child Advocate	Skyler Maitner

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