

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

11 pm - December 24, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: On this night we celebrate
the coming of God to earth in human form.

All: **The shepherds are visited with the songs of angels,**

One: And the sages follow the stars,

All: **But the glory of God shines in a manger.**

One: "O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

All: **Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

One: O come let us adore him! O come let us adore him!

All: **O come let us adore him! Christ the Lord!"**

*Carol #234 verses 1, 3, 5, 6

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lessons and Carols

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4

Carol #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Carol #229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Gift of Music

O Holy Night

Message

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Carol #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Stewardship Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

All who seek to grow in the life and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion tonight. Please come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Individual cups, and gluten-free bread, are also available for any who would choose. Please bring forward and place in the basket your special Christmas offering. During this time of Holy Communion, let us pray and sing together.

#245 **The First Noel**

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

#228 **He Is Born**

*Prayer After Receiving

We Enter Into the Light

May each candle here and everywhere be a prayer for hope, love, joy, and peace. May the light remind us all of the presence of Christ. As you light your candle, please be careful of the flame and the wax. Remember only to tilt the unlit candle, and be careful of those around you. Please place your candle in the baskets by the sanctuary doors at the conclusion of the service, and carry the light of Christ in your heart wherever you may go.

Carol and the Light

#239 **Silent Night**

#246 **Joy to the World**

Benediction

Postlude

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