

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

7 pm - December 24, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.**

One: Let us dance with delight and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,

All: **for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!**

*Carol #234, verses 1, 2, 3, 6

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lighting the Christ Candle

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music

Away in a Manger

Lessons and Carols

Lesson

Luke 2:1-5

Gift of Music

Christmas Hallelujah

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering Gifts and Our Lives to Christ's Service

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*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 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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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