

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:15 am - December 23, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

Entrance of the Light of Christ

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

One: The season of waiting is almost over. We light the fourth candle, anticipating the coming light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to experience.

Pastor: *God of our future, we open ourselves to your call today - the call to keep hope alive no matter the troubles we face. Help us to never lose hope and to offer hope to all around us - making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.*

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

Witness to the Light in Music

Do You Hear What I Hear?

We Receive the Word

Children's Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Witness to the Light in Music

Night of Silence

Witness to the Light in Word

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss, with Dave Strumfeld

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response

We Need a Silent Night in Here

We need a silent night in here. We need your presence to be near.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek. We need a silent night in here.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.

We need a silent night, we need a silent night, we need a silent night in here.

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Glory, we eagerly anticipate the joy-filled celebration of Jesus' birthday party. We recall now in the quiet recesses of our minds the thrill of receiving your message of salvation. As we open ourselves again to this holy wonder, accept these generous gifts. May the ministries that these gifts support invite others to receive the saving message of the Christ Child. In His name, we pray. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn of Hope UMH #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Benediction

**Go with God into this day,
May the Spirit guide your way.
Offer joy to all you greet.
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

Postlude

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

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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9:15 am Worship Servants:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Pat Warren
- ☀ **Ushers:** Jim Gustafson, Sheryl Jones, Ken Oesch, Bob Williams
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Aaron Carruthers
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Max Gibbard
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Zach Kinney
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes (9:15), Nicole Gibbard (11:00)
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
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