

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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Wesley Park United Methodist Church

December 24, 2015, Christmas Eve
11:00 pm

We Gather Together

Prelude

Evening Meditation

Christmas comes every time we see God in other persons. The human and the holy meet in Bethlehem or in Times Square, for Christmas comes like a golden storm on its way to Jerusalem - determinedly, inevitably... Even now it comes in the face of hatred and warring - no atrocity too terrible to stop it, no Herod strong enough, no hurt deep enough, no curse shocking enough, no disaster shattering enough. For someone on earth will see the star, someone will hear the angel voices, someone will run to Bethlehem, someone will know peace and goodwill: the Christ will be born!
"Christmas Comes" Kneeling in Bethlehem, by Ann Weems

*Call to Worship

One: Because Christ has been born in the world,

All: people who walked in darkness now live in great light.

One: Because Christ has been born in the world,

All: the power to oppress and kill will not stand.

One: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:

All: with the angels, we sing glory to God; with the shepherds, we share the good news; with Mary, we ponder the words of this night, and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.

Gift of Music

O Holy Night

Written and Composed by Adolphe Adam
Sung by Gary Hodges

Lighting the Christmas Candle

Gift of Music

Happy Birthday, Jesus

Kade and Keagan Hoven, Julie Hoven, Phil Pletcher

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

Scripture

Psalm 96

Luke 2:1-20

Gift of Music

All Is Well

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Sung by Peggy Sonke

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Invitation

The Christmas Eve Offering will go toward the Good Sam Fund, providing assistance to people in our community by helping in times of emergency, providing food and shelter, and offering hope and connection. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

O Little Town of Bethlehem #230

Away in a Manger #217

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #229

What Child is This? #219

Silent Night, Holy Night #239

We Take the Light into the World

*Blessing

Postlude