

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

7 pm - December 24, 2018

## 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**

Peace Light Reflection and Lighting the Christ Candle

Max Gibbard

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music

***What Child Is This/Child of the Poor***

## Lessons and Carols

Lesson

Luke 2:1-5

Gift of Music

**O Holy Night**

Lesson

Luke 2:6-7

Carol #237

**Sing We Now of Christmas**

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 babe 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. This is the Light from the Church of the Nativity.  
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.*

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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**7:00 PM Worship Servants:**

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