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Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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Pre-Service Music

Susan Beagle, and Mary Ellen Clinard, piano

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Breath of Heaven”
Susan Beagle, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship**

One: On this holy night we gather to hear the angel proclaim to us:
Do not be afraid, I am bringing you good news of great joy!

**All: To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is the Messiah.**

One: We come with haste to see what has taken place.

All: We come to join with the angels, singing:

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And on earth peace!

***Processional Hymn**

“O, Come All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

**CHORUS: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created,
Repeat CHORUS**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
Repeat CHORUS**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
Repeat CHORUS.**

***Unison Prayer**

Eternal God,

as our song still echoes

we stand amazed with the shepherds

at the wonders of your love.

Pour out your grace upon us as we worship

so that we may receive this great gift

that you so generously give.

May the good news of this day

inspire us to share your love with all people.

In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-9

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn

“What Child Is This?”

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn

“Joy To The World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

And wonders, wonders of his love.

Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Special Music

“This Holy Night/O Holy Night”
Temple Choir
Susan Beagle, piano

arr. Clonger/Rhodes

Meditation

“Quirinius is a Hard Word”

Rev. Kim Armentrout

***Offertory**

“Wake the World with Joy”
Duane Gordon, Solo
Temple Choir

arr. Stratton/Courtney

Offertory Prayer

***Doxology**

“What Child is This”

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh.
Come, peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Prayers of the People

Response to Prayer

“Away in a Manger”

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit for heaven to live with thee there.

Invitation to the Candle Lighting

Passing the Light

(Please tip your unlit candle to receive the flame. Then turn and allow the person beside you to tip their unlit candle to your flame. At the conclusion of worship, you may put your candle in the bins by the exits. Please assist any young children with you.)

***Hymn**

"Silent Night"

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at thy sight;
Glories stream from heaven a far,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

***Closing Prayer/Benediction**

Postlude

"A Christmas Sequence"

arr. Van der Pohl



Resilience

/rəˈzɪliəns/

noun

1. the ability to rise above life's obstacles and grow even in the midst of adversity

Life can be hard. Everyday it seems as though we are bombarded with challenges that seek to undo us. There are struggles around us and within us that threaten our well-being. But these trials, although they must be faced, do not need to define us. We are more than whatever obstacle we face.

A new worship series begins on January 5, 2025 that will help us grow in our ability to be resilient.

The wise men are our first guides. They will show us how to resist things that seek to harm us and others. From there we will explore the teachings of Jesus that show us how to be rooted in our identity as a child of God, the importance of knowing our purpose, and how to keep moving - despite our hardships.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in person at 120 S. Broad St. Middletown, OH 45044 or online at www.myfumc.net



Poinsettia Dedications



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