

Unless stated otherwise, all hymns and psalters are selected from the UMH

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Celebration of Word & Christmas
Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10:15 AM

Meaning of Signs:

- ◆ Important announcements/notices
- ** Please stand if you are able

[Together, We Gather To Welcome The God Baby]

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles

- ◆ Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn "Emmanuel" Gray 75

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

P: But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son who he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, Oh you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name; for to us has come a Savior, Christ the new born King.

**THE GATHERING PRAYER:

L: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, wonderful creator, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus. In his birth you have restored the dignity of human nature. In his death and resurrection you have revealed to us the fullness of your grace and mercy. In your love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us share in his divine life - even as he partook of our humanity. As we hear and reflect on Your word this day, help us to respond with believing hearts and to put our faith into practice. We ask in his name. Amen

** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Special Music: "What Child Is This" Sue Border

THE PARISH & COMMUNITY JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer Hymn: "Trust and Obey" #467/Organist

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

[Together, We Proclaim & Respond To God Becoming Man]

Ministry of God's Written Word

Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10 Page1144

** Gospel: John 1:1-14 Page 1645-46

** Preparatory Hymn "The First Noel" #245

Sermon: "Born To Save" Pastor Anthony Brima

Offering of Pledges, Tithes and Gifts

**Doxology "Thank You, Lord" #84

Prayer of Dedication

[Together, We Go & Tell The Good News]

**Hymn of Commitment "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

**Benediction

Postlude Organist

Extinguishing of the Candles Acolyte/s

If you are visiting with us today, we pray that your worship experience has been meaningful.

Please join us again to celebrate the following:

- ◆ New Year Watch Night Service Monday, December 31 @ 7 PM
- ◆ New Year Service Sunday, January 6 , 2017

Today's Participants in Worship

Preacher: Pastor Anthony Brima

Liturgist: Ressie Harding

Acolyte: Addisyn Wolfe

Ushers: Aimee & Jeffrey Haag

Greeters: Aimee & Jeffrey Haag

Prayer List

Christine Butt	Jeff Campbell	Ann & Bob Gehrig	Erma Carson	Rob Siegfried
John D. Miller	Doris Smith	Sharon Wimmer	Carol Steele	Janet Foresman Family
Betty Maroni	Sue Garczynski	Beatti Family	Marcus Wenger	Merle Hively Jr
Jim Steele	Jeannine Cohick	Chrissy Williams	Bill Rahr	Rev. David & Nedra Schmuck
Eleanor Uckele	Barb Ginter	Our Children	Our Shut-ins	The Woodley Family

TODAY

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship
9:00 AM – Sunday School
10:15 AM – Worship
10:15 AM – Nursery (Newborn to 3 yrs.)
10:15 AM – “Little Church” (4 yrs. to 3rd gr.)

This Week

Mon (31) 7:00 PM – New Year’s Eve
Watch Night Service
Wed (2) 1:00 PM – Praying Grandmothers
6:00 PM – Chime Practice
7:00 PM – Trustee Board Meeting
7:30 PM – Choir Practice
Sat (5) 3:00 PM – Planning Meeting

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK STARTS TODAY!



Nursery for ages 0-3 yrs is available during worship.

Cry Room is available at the back of the sanctuary for infant care.

“**Little Church**” is for ages 4 yrs-3rd grade and meets during worship.

The children are dismissed after the Children’s Chat.

“**Kids 4 Christ**” is for ages 4 yrs-5th grade and meets on the 3rd Sunday during worship.

“**Little Church**” and “**Kids 4 Christ**” meet in the Kindergarten Class Room.

ST. PAUL-CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



BELONGING AND GROWING IN GOD—TOGETHER

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please consider growing with us as we connect with God, love others, and serve willingly.

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Today's Sermon

Announcements/Notices

- ◆ Pastor Anthony is appealing to all committees to be present at our New Year's Eve Service on Monday at 7PM. Please plan on attending.

- ◆ **Thank you** for your generous donations for our children at the Stevens and Jackson Elementary Schools. You've blessed the kids with warm, colorful gifts; I can imagine the happy smiles and thanks of appreciations.

- ◆ Thank you for your generous support of our Christmas tree missions for others! Blessings to you and your family in the New Year!

- ◆ Sincere thanks for the Christmas gifts, you always make us feel a part of the church family here. Laura & Daniel

- ◆ Thank you church and choir for your thoughtful cards and gifts. Serving as the choir director is a joy and I'm looking forward to another year of growing closer to God with all of you! Merry Christmas! Amanda

- ◆ Mark your calendars for the Wild Game Dinner Saturday, January 26 at 6:00 PM.

- ◆ **Community Dinner, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30 pm**
Dinner out? Come, enjoy our tasty dinner with friends and family. We are serving oven roasted turkey, casseroles and dessert. We appreciate donations of your favorite salads and desserts. Volunteers preparing the dinner, please arrive at 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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**Please write the things you want to remember from today's
sermon**

Topic: _____

Preacher's Name: _____

Things to remember:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

4.) **Other:** _____