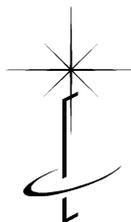


*Mulberry Street United Methodist Church*  
*Monday, December 24, 2018*  
*Five O'clock*



*Christmas Eve Prelude*

*Beginning at 4:30*

Musical worship leadership this evening includes:

Doris Granum, Soprano  
Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano  
Chris Abbott, Tenor  
Ronald Campbell, Bass-Baritone  
Amy Schwartz Moretti, Violin  
Betsy Fitzgerald, Harp  
Caleb Esmond, Piano  
Tom Granum, Organ  
Ainsworth Christmas Ensemble

*Candlelight Communion Service*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jeff, Sandra, Kinley & Audrey Cook

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness  
but have the light of life."

**We light this candle as a sign  
of the light of Christ.**

*As we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silent Night  
this evening, we all sing:*

**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, 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.**

Prayer

\* Entrance Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

**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.**

*Refrain:*

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

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;**

**O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest. *Refrain***

*This hymn is Hymn No. 234. We are singing selected stanzas.*

Prophecy

Trevor Ward

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Stephen Paulus

The Birth

Cathy Cox

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn No. 229

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*Please remain seated to sing.*

The Angels

Julia Magda

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn No. 240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*Following the extended introduction, please stand with the choir.*

The Shepherds

Nita Smith

Luke:2:15-20

Solo

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

African American Spiritual

Homily

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Solo

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.

**We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.**

May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul.

**We acknowledge that we have foolishly  
let our desires lead us astray.**

May your star once more set our course firmly  
in your direction.

**We have turned our faith into a lifeless ritual.**

May your manger call us again  
to expressions of love and devotion.

**We have carefully kept our gifts  
and have not freely given our goods  
and our hearts to you.**

May the Magi show us the spirit of giving.

**Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts  
and bring renewal in our lives. Amen.**

*from The Worship Sourcebook*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Offering of Our Gifts

"Gesù Bambino"

Pietro Yon

\* The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy 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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us  
the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
may shine forth in our lives,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting the Candles

*When lighting your candle, please tilt the unlighted candle  
toward the flame of the lighted candle as if bowing before  
the Light of Christ.*

*Please remained seated and sing:*

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.**

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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.**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**It came upon a midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold,  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Please stand to sing.*

**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 the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
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.**

\* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

\* Congregational Response

**Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

Voluntary

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold** type.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor*  
*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*  
*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Trevor Ward, Cathy Cox, Julia Magda & Nita Smith, Readers*  
*Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte*  
*Austin Carter, Crucifer*  
*Jack Carter & Henry McClure, Candlelighters*  
*Cooper Baskette, Maddie McClure & Davis Uren,*  
*Communion Stewards*

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**Gluten-Free Communion**  
Because our table is open to all,  
we serve gluten-free communion bread.