

BREAKING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion: Servers are Pam and Bob Schuster, David and Lynnita Miller and Kathy Caldron.

Post Communion Prayer

Receiving and Passing of The Peace Light

***The Light of Christ** (*The ushers will light the first candle in each row. The lighting will then proceed down the rows until all candles are lit. Please dip your unlit candle to the lighted one. After all candles are lit we sing together "Silent Night". Keep candles lighted through the Sending Forth Verse of Silent Night*)

***Hymn**

"Peace, Peace"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Sara Palmer
UMH 239 (vs 1-3)

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, heav'nly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Benediction

Rev. Pastor Tracey Ivy

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God

Sending Forth Verse

All: 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!

Special Note: After the Sending Forth Verse please blow out your candle and place it in the plastic receptacles located in the back of the church.

Albright UMC and Asbury UMC, invites you to join us



"Veiled in the Form of a Child"

A Christmas Story

December 24, 2019 @ 5:30 pm | 128 S. Palm

Missional Offering: AUMC Helping Hands and Charity Angel

Christmas Eve 2019

Prelude

Pat Purkey

Welcome & Announcement

The Lighting of the Advent & Christ Candles

Brad and Philis Whitsitt

Call to Worship

David Miller

Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.

People: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

Leader: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

People: God is truly with us. We are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234 (vs 1-3)

Prayer for Christmas

Rev. Pastor Tracey Ivy

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving, we gather as your people. We have come to hear the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This, we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240

Christmas Gospel Story

"Veiled in The Form of a Child"

Rev. Pastor Tracey Ivy

Offertory

" Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Childs"

Sara Palmer

Our Christmas offering benefits Albright Helping Hands & Charity Angel AMBUCS of Ponca City.

Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen**

Offering Prayer

Rev. Pastor Tracey Ivy

Glory to God, who has given us Jesus, your gift of love to a world in need. We offer you our gifts of love – these gifts of money, our time and our talents. Take them and us we pray, to bring glory to your name. **Amen**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that often we find darkness more comfortable than light.

We confess that we find your good news frightening and unsettling, especially when we consider its demands as well as its promises.

We confess that Christmas has become more to us than the birthday of Christ

Forgive us, break us, bend us, and remake us. Give us the courage to lay ourselves open to the wonder and healing of your coming. Be born again into our world, be born again into our hearts and lives. Hear now our silent and personal confessions as we prepare ourselves for your nativity.

PASTOR: The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sins.

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ALL: 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 glory, forever. **Amen**

