

Christmas Eve

A Service for Children

December 24, 2017

Color: White

PRELUDE

ILLUMINATION: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” **HYMN #234**
Please sing Verses 1, 2 & 3

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 9, Luke 2

Leader: We have Good news! It is unspeakable joy!

All: A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!

Leader: A child is born for us—a son has been given!

**All: Bringing to us a kingdom of endless peace, we shall call him
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!**

Leader: Come, let us see what God has brought us!

All: Let us see what the Lord has done!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And on earth, peace and goodwill to all! Amen

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4459/worship-elements-christmas-eve-2017-option-4>

PRAYER of INVOCATION: **Pastor Cal**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory

* Doxology # 95

* Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH **See Insert**

Today we welcome Wendy and Jerry McKean and their son Caleb to light the 4th candle, the candle of Revelation and Peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

We share words of celebration and thanksgiving

We share our prayer needs and petitions

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray

The First Christmas Night

Written by Keith Christopher Illustrated by Christine Kornacki
Katrina and Nicole Fleming

The town of Bethlehem
Joseph and Mary in the Manger
The Birth of Jesus
Message of the Angels
The Shepherds
The Wise Men

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1 & 2 **Hymn #230**

Hymn: “Away in a Manger” vs. 1 **Hymn #217**

Hymn: “What Child Is This?” vs. 1 & 2 **Hymn #219**

Hymn: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs. 1 **Hymn #211**

Hymn: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” vs. 1 **Hymn #236**

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” vs. 1 **Hymn #238**

Hymn: “We Three Kings” vs. 1 **Hymn #254**

Hymn: “Joy to the World” **Hymn #246**

Meditation: The Story of the CANDY CANE

As told by Pastor Cal

BENEDICTION

Postlude

Jayne Thompson, Organist

**Come join the fun at Sunday School 10
AM Each Sunday at the United Parish**

You and your family are always welcome

The Congregation, Ministers
Cheri Comer, Church Administrator
Jayne Thompson, Organist & Music Director
James Lemmer, Sexton
Jennie LeBlanc, Youth ministry
Brandy Wood, Director of Sunday School
Kayte Richtarcsik, Nursery
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Regular Sunday morning Worship Services
at the United Parish are at 10 AM with
Sunday School at 10:15 AM
Youth Group at 6:00 PM

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