

Christmas Eve Service

A Carol and Candle Celebration


December 24, 2019

Color: White

Welcome to our celebration of our savior's birth. We celebrate the birth of the Savior in scripture and song.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **PROCESSIONAL:** *"Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child"*
The Processional and Illumination

OPENING HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

vs 1-2 Hymn #234

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 9:6-8*

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

All: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

All: upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. Amen

PRAYER of INVOCATION: Pastor Cal

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH (*see insert*)

Tonight we welcome the Luhtjarv family to light the fifth candle, The Christ Candle, the Light of His Birth.

HYMN: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* vs 1- 2 Hymn #218

We Celebrate the Birth of the Savior in Scripture and Song

Luke 1:5-24 ' *Gabriel Speaks to Zechariah and Elizabeth* '

Soloist: Brandy Wood "Breath Of Heaven"

Luke 1:26-36 ' *Gabriel Speaks to Mary* '

HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs 1 Hymn # 211

Matthew 1:18-24 ' *Gabriel Speaks to Joseph* '

Soloist: Christy Solomon "Do You Hear What I Hear"

Luke 2:1-7 ' *Born in Bethlehem according to Prophecy* ' & Micah 5:2

Soloist: Kayte Richtarsik "Here With Us"


Dance: Breanna Whittier

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH:

Invitation, Offerings to God,

Offertory Choir Anthem: "Tua Bethlem Dref"

 Doxology (95)

 Prayer of Dedication

POINSETTIA GARDEN OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

MOMENTS of PRAYER & MEDITATION

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison):

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 have trespassed 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.

MEDITATION: When is He Coming? Pastor Cal
1 Thessalonians 5:1-5 Pew Bible 1031

Luke 2:8-20 ' *The Scene at the Manger* '

Soloist: Forrest McPherson "O Holy Night"

 **Candle Lighting** *Silent Night, Holy Night* See insert

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

 *For those who are able, you are invited to stand.*

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phone during the service ☺



*The Window Lighting Jesus as an Adult for the month of December for the **Glory of God** and in remembrance of Roy Thayer; given by the Thayer Family.*



The Window Jesus as a Child for the week of December 22nd is in remembrance of Rita Saveall; given by Roland & Kim Luhtjarv.



The Steeple Lighting for the week of December 22nd is in remembrance of Isabel Peterson; given by her friend Winnie Rivard.

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

December 29, 2019

Greeters: DAN MCLEAN & CHUCK SCHRAWDER
 Ushers: MARK & DENISE PRICE
 Co-leader: DAN BAXTER
 Worship leaders: Cheri, Brandy, Jerry, Wayne & Paul

January 5, 2019

Greeters: JUNE MORIARTY & HEATHER MOOMAW
 Ushers: JAMES & JOHN JOSLIN
 Co-leader: PAT NEVILLE
 Worship Leaders:

Visit our website at www.unitedparish.com

Office Phone: 978.297.0616

Office Hours:

Monday 8am – 1pm

Tuesday 8am – 1pm

Wednesday 8am-10:30am Pastor Cal

Thursday 8am – 1pm

Friday 8am – 3pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Service 10AM

Pastor Cal's cell phone: 978.828.4706

Email: unitedparish@comcast.net

39 Front Street Winchendon

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller

Moderator: S. Mark Price

Senior Deacon: Alex Luhtjarv

Fellow Deacons: Marvin Bernstein, Katrina Fleming, Martha Dienst, Ian Bussiere, Deb Scortico, Dan Baxter, Pat Neville & Adam LeBlanc

Director of Music: Marcia Desilets

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Minister: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik



Merry Christmas, may you seek & find Jesus Christ!