

Hymn: "Angels we have heard on High" UMH #238

Scripture Reading . . . Luke 2:1-20

Message: "What Child is This?"

Hymn: "What Child is This" UMH #219

Christmas Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

O God, we have watched for your coming with longing and with expectation, with patience and with hope. Now, as the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

(Light the white Christ candle.)

Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us.

May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Candle-Lighting

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH #239

*Benediction

*POSTLUDE "Christmas Cannon"

*please stand as you are able

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**Welcome to Brodhead
United Methodist Church**
501 1st Center Ave Brodhead, Wi 53520

Open hearts~Open minds~Open doors

December 24th, 2015

Christmas Eve
We Worship Together

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Please register your attendance on the pew cards.

PRELUDE

Hymns: "Joy to the World" UMH #246
"He Is Born" UMH #228

Choir Anthem
"Were You There On That Christmas Night?" Senior Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

(Light the first candle.)

We light the first candle, reminding us of The Hope God brings through Jesus.

(Light the second candle.)

We light the second candle, reminding us of the Peace God brings through Jesus.

(Light the third candle.)

We light the third candle, reminding us of the Joy God brings through Jesus.

(Light the fourth candle.)

We light the fourth candle, reminding us that Jesus is God's Love sent to us at Christmas.

Joseph and Mary stand outside the sanctuary accompanied by youths and children. One member of the group outside knocks on the sanctuary door and says:

Listen! I am standing at the door knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4) UMH #211

People outside the sanctuary slowly walk up the aisle.

Joseph: In the name of God, we beg: will you let us in? We are tired and we are cold. May we please have shelter?

Inn-keeper: You look dirty and you smell. Will you please keep moving?! For your kind there is no place, for our inn is decent.

Joseph: It is not by our own choice that today we travel. But the emperor has said that all must be counted.

Inn-keeper: For your reasons I care not, can't you see we are full? There is no room left in here--especially not for your kind: foreigners and peasants. You are bad for business!

Congregation (in unison): He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But all who did receive him, who believed his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

Joseph: For goodness sake, please make some room for us, for my wife is with child and she could give birth any time. The child she carries is a special child, blessed by God Almighty--even the Savior of the world! If you don't want to help us for our sakes, do it for God's sake in accordance to God's Law of Love.

Inn-keeper: What is the Law of Love?

Congregation (in unison): You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

In-keeper: I have faith in God, but who is to say who is my neighbor? Anybody could knock at my door to ask for help or a handout. Can I help them all?

Congregation (in unison): What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of them says to them: "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their needs, what is the good of that? (James 2:14-17)

Joseph: Will the child be born tonight out on a street corner? Can't you find a place for him? Do you have no pity?

Inn-keeper: Oh, my goodness, do come in. You can stay in the stable. Perhaps you can use the manger for a bed.

Hymn: "Away in a Manger" UMH #217

OFFERING

*Doxology UMH #95
Prayer of Dedication