

We Are Blessed You Are Here!

TO OUR GUESTS: It is a joy to have you share in our worship service this evening. We invite you to join us at our weekly worship services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We are committed to offering opportunities for fellowship and learning to persons of all ages. If you are searching for a church home or would like to learn more about this community of faith, please feel free to contact Pastor Lisa or the church office.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING: This special offering will be divided to provide annual support to our mission partners, Thrive Peninsula, and our local church benevolence fund. Both of these provide assistance to those under resourced or in need, while striving to create a path for individual financial sustainability.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome to the Table! You have a choice of how to receive communion this evening. One is via the pre-packaged communion elements which you can receive from an usher prior to the service. The other is by coming forward and receiving the elements directly from the pastor who will have clean hands and wear a mask. She will take bread, dip it in the cup, and then hand to you to consume. Please choose the means by which to receive communion that you are most comfortable.

Serving in Worship Tonight

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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

Benediction Hymn Response *Joy to the World* UMH 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Postlude

“The Christmas Box” Cast:

Hannah Barbery
Wyatt Harr
Megan Jasewicz
Eli Johnson
Jayce Johnson

Worship Notes:

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Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church

December 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices: Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight: Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship! Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those three and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded and posted to our website and social media sites.

Order of Worship

*Invites persons to stand as they are able.
Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

Welcome

Rev. Lisa A. Barbery

Prelude

Zachary Brandt

Lighting The Christ Candle

Scott Williams

Gathering Song

Tom Snively, soloist

“Hope Waits for Us at Advent”

The Prophecy Isaiah 9:2-7

***Hymn** *O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 v. 1,2,3

The Story Luke 2:1-7

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

Children's Drama "The Christmas Box"

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the nativity of your Son.

You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child, and yet we have not attended to suffering of children.

You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord Jesus, and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women.

The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem but a stable, and yet we have not attended to the cry of the homeless.

You announced your birth to lowly shepherds, yet we ignore those who tend our fames and fields.

Forgive our lack of attention, and free us for joyful compassion, that we may know Christ in serving others. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Break forth into singing, for the Lord has redeemed you. See the salvation of God; find comfort in his strong arms. (Isaiah 52:7-10)

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230 v 1,2,4

Reflection Pastor Lisa

Communion All are welcome at the Table

The Invitation

The Story Continues Luke 2:8-20

The Great Thanksgiving

Join in the sung responses as indicated
(Music in insert)

(Tune: *Away in a Manger*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

How good it is to give thanks and praise!

..... And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Tune: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might adored,

heaven and earth are shining bright

with the glory of your light.

Loud hosannas now we sing!

In the highest may they ring!

Blessed is the coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.

Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed!

..... And so,

in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Tune: *We Three Kings*)

Dying Christ destroyed our death.

Rising Christ restores our life.

Christ will come again in glory,

raising us all to life.

Oh, God of wonder, God of might,

God of love, our hearts delight:

feed us, guide us, walk beside us,

bless us with our gentle light.

..... And now with the confidence of God's children, let us boldly

pray....

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.

The Breaking and Sharing of the Meal

Music

Zachary Brandt

Prayer

We are filled with joy for we have heard good news of great joy. We are filled with love for we have tasted the sign of God's great love. We are filled with hope for the angels still sing in our world and there is a Light for us to follow. Amen.

Anthem *Most Unusual Night*

Parker/Lantz

Christmas Choir

The Light Shines John 1:1-5,14

The Sharing of Christ's Light

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

A light no darkness can extinguish.

We will light our candles during the singing of Silent Night. To share the light, please tilt your unlit candle into the flame of the person's lit candle next to you.

***Hymn** *Silent Night*

UMH 234

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!

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