

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

**Gathering Thought:** God has established the world and sent the Prince of Peace.

### ENTRANCE

#### Gathering

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *Pastoral Symphony from Messiah* -Handel, arr. Barnett

#### Lighting of the Altar Candles and Christ Candle

#### \*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Sing to the Lord a new song; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

*People:* **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

*Leader:* Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before God, all the earth!

*People:* **Honor and majesty are before God;  
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

#### Opening Prayer

**Holy God, Mary and Joseph have arrived in Bethlehem  
to obey an emperor's decree that all the world should be taxed.  
Shepherds on the night shift were tending their sheep.  
In the midst of these ordinary events,  
a baby's birth has been announced with extraterrestrial fanfare.  
Glory to God in the highest. Let there be peace on earth.  
The world is enlightened by God's Word made flesh through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Children's Message** Myra Wagner

**Prayer for Illumination**  
**First Lesson** *Nehemiah 8:9-10* Pew Bible p. 380

**Special Music** *solo selection from The Messiah* - Handel

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

**Offertory** *For unto Us a Child Is Born* - Handel, arr. Landes & Stevens  
Chancel Choir  
UMH 94

#### \*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Dear God, your Word has been made flesh and dwells among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
For that gift and all that you bestow, we say Alleluia and Amen!  
As we behold your glory, we commit ourselves to Christ's work.  
Make of us the body of Christ and dwell in us by your Spirit,  
for the sake of the world that you love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238  
**Second Lesson** *Luke 2:10* Pew Bible p. 833

**Sermon** *Joyous Celebration* Rev. Cliff Webner

### SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn of Commitment** *The First Noel* UMH 245

#### \*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

#### \*Dismissal with Blessing

**\*Postlude** *Hallelujah from Messiah* - Handel

#### \*Going Forth

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*  
*TFWS: The Faith We Sing* UMH: U.M. Hymnal **Bold print: in unison**  
W&S: Worship and Song







### **New Prayer Requests**

Terry Stowe *(by Patti Ferguson 12/19)*

Evan Horn *(by Yvonne & Gary 12/18)*

The family of Dellroy Harrison *(12/15)*

### **Recent Prayer Requests**

The family of Lee Hammond who passed 9 December *(by Judy Zahren 12/20)*

Dontae Pendleton *(by Jan Hoener 12/11)*

David Pearce *(by Sharon Neumann 12/11)*

James Edmonds *(by Rebecca Mickey 12/6)*

The family of Ralph Bartram *(by Bob Bartram 12/4)*

Michele Nelson and family of Eleanor *(Marcia Smith 11/27)*

Ray Weiss *(Marcia & Gary Smith 11/27)*

Georgia Fredette *(Cecelia Miller 11/27)*

James Wagner *(Myra Wagner 11/27)*

*Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.*