

Mars United Presbyterian Church  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
December 24, 2018

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**Welcome and Mars Messages**

**PRELUDE** Jamie Daugherty

**Introit**  
*“Love’s Pure Light”*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love & the Christ Candle  
7:00 pm The Ivory Family  
11:00pm The Moody Family

**Responsive Litany – Hope for God’s Presence**

Speaker: For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.  
**Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Hope.**  
Speaker: For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.  
**Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Peace.**  
Speaker: For those living in hopelessness and despair, a new light has dawned.  
**Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Joy.**  
Speaker: For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.  
**Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Love.**

**Advent Prayer**  
Gracious God, tonight as we gather together to conclude our Advent journey, we celebrate that a new light has dawned. A child is born and that child is our light and the source of our joy. He brings hope into the world, and the promise of peace on earth. He is love incarnate, love divine, and we thank you dear Lord for this, the most perfect gift imaginable. Joy to the world! Christ is born! Amen.

**\*Carol** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* **249**

**First Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 1-7

**Carol** *“Away in a Manager”* **262**

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 8-12

**Carol** *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”* **272**

**Third Scripture Reading** Luke 2:13-14

**Carol** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* **277**

**Fourth Scripture Reading** Luke 2:15-20

**Carol** *“The First Noel”* **265**

**Choral Anthem(7:00pm)** *“A Christmas Blessing”* **Chancel Choir**

**Special Music(11:00pm)** **Duet by John Ivory & Jamie Daugherty**  
*“Amid The Winter’s Snow”*

**Christmas Message** **Rev. Jim Steiner**  
*“Missing Something?” (7:00pm)*  
*“What’s the Point?” (11:00pm)*

**Christmas Eve Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Carol** *“Joy to the World”* **270**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper(11:00pm)**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Communion Hymn**

**413**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

\*The Service of Lights

**\*FINAL CAROL**

**253**

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Jamie Daugherty

\*Please stand, if able.

**GREETINGS:** The members of Mars United Presbyterian Church are pleased to have you come to worship with us. May this Christmas Eve Worship be a meaningful experience that will give you a spiritual renewal for Christmas Day and the New Year!

**FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF . . .** A blessed Christmas wish is extended to all of you on this wonderful celebration of God's love! May you all share the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of our Savior's birth. Thank you for all of your kindness expressed to us during this Christmas Season. Mars United Presbyterian Church is a wonderful place to work and share our faith.

Sincerely,

Rev. James Steiner, Interim Pastor

Mr. Zach Bailey, Student Youth Coordinator

Ms. Jamie Daugherty, Director of Music

Mrs. Shelly Bocheff, Administrative Assistant

Reminder: If you ordered a poinsettia, please feel free to take them after the service. Also, Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> services will be at 8:30 and 11:00. There will be no Sunday school or Youth group.