



Order of Worship

Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m. – December 24, 2018

***The Word of God became flesh to live among us!
Merry Christmas and Welcome to Worship!***

As we enter our Service, please be in the *attitude* of Worship.

THE PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Pastor John Fitch

WELCOME

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

“What Child Is This”

SCRIPTURE RECITATION | LUKE 2:1-20

Karen Plegge

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Perhaps”

Bill Schiling

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“A Weary Couple”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Jeff Barton

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Pastor George

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Silent Night”

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PASSING THE LIGHT – *As we sing “Silent Night”, light will be taken from the Christ candle and passed by the ushers to the congregation. Please do not tilt lighted candles rather tilt the unlighted candles into the flame. Please remember that hair spray is flammable, so please use care when passing the light.*

Please do not hand candles to children.

BENEDICTION

(Extinguish the candles at the conclusion of the prayer. PLEASE HOLD CANDLES UPRIGHT UNTIL THE MELTED WAX HAS SOLIDIFIED. AS YOU EXIT, PLACE CANDLES AND DRIP PROTECTORS IN THE CONTAINERS AT THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY.)

Merry Christmas from the Staff of the First United Methodist Church of Salem, Ohio. Please have safe travels and good times with family and friends. Remember that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”

Joyce and I would like to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity over the past year. Your faithfulness and allegiance to the Kingdom of God is an encouragement to us. We trust this Christmas Eve service will be an encouragement and inspiration to you. We thank those who are participating and leading this evening. Our prayer is that you have a merry, meaningful and blessed Christmas.

Pastor & Joyce

We invite you to worship the King with us every week. Our Chapel Service begins at 8:30 am. The Chapel is located in our Educational Wing and can be accessed easiest from the south parking lot. Sunday School for all ages is from 9:30-10:20 am. Our Sanctuary Service begins at 10:40 am. Our Hearts on Fire Ministry is a relaxed service held in our Lower Level from 11:00-11:45 am. each Sunday.

Merry Christmas