

Kasson and Pleasant Corners United Methodist Churches

December 24, 2018

*means please stand as you are able

Hearing Assist Receivers are available from our ushers

Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship!

Prelude

***Songs of Praise** “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH # 238
 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH # 240

*Greeting One Another and Passing of the Friendship Pads

UMC Choir Selection “Lullaby to the Christ Child”
Prayer of Affirmation UMH # 889
Apostle’s Creed Insert/UMH # 881
The Lord’s Prayer Insert/UMH # 895

Advent Readings and Carols
the Berghuis Family

Leader: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

People: “Praise be to God, for today the Messiah comes to us. From prophecies of old His birth has been foretold. The one who takes away the sins of the world.”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1-2, 4 UMH #211

Leader: “In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord be with you.’ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus.’”

People: “Praise be to God, for today the Messiah comes to us. From the virgin’s womb He is born, fully God and fully man. Jesus the Christ, our Savior, the one who takes away the sins of the world.”

“What Child Is This”

UMH #219

Leader: “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own house to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

People: “Praise be to God, for today the Messiah comes to us. Born in a humble stall and laid in a manger, Jesus came to save us, to take our place. Jesus the Christ, the one who takes away the sins of the world.”

“Away in a Manger”

UMH #217

Leader: “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.’”

(Lighting of the Candles)

People: “Praise be to God, for today the Messiah comes to us. Proclaimed to all by the angels as the Savior for any who would call on His name, Jesus the Christ, the one who takes away the sins of the world, has come.”

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

UMH #224

Sermon

“The Christmas Miracle”

Pastor Jacob Hanson

Sermon Hymn "The First Noel" vs. 1-3 UMH # 245
Offering
*** The Doxology** UMH # 71

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Lighting of the candles from the center aisle
Please dip non-lit candles into flame of lit candles

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

***Sending Prayer**

***Benediction**

Please lightly blow your candles out so as not to splatter hot wax.
Peaceful departure.



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"The Christmas Miracle"



Christmas Eve Service

*December 24, 2018
Pleasant Corners Worship 5:30 pm
Kasson Worship 7:30 pm*