

***Denotes to please stand as you are able.**

PRELUDE Justin Hanson, organ
Russell Phelps, piano
5:00 p.m. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (arr. Hustad)
10:30 p.m. "Silent Night, Holy Night" (arr. Hustad)

GREETING Rev. Grace Phelps
Christ is born; give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!
O you earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

OPENING PRAYER
O God our Father, you have brought us again
to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.**
Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.
**Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace,
goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CAROL 246 UMH "Joy to the World" (all stanzas)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES
5:00 p.m. Glenn, Beth, Brenna Grace and
Emma Leigh Lockhart
10:30 p.m. Mike and Robin Racine

BIDDING PRAYER Rev. Tim Carpenter
Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message
of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem,
and see this thing which is come to pass,
and the Babe lying in a manger.
Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture
the tale of the loving purposes of God
from the first days of our sin
until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child;
and let us make this house of prayer glad
with our carols of praise.
(At each **R** congregation responds, "**Lord, hear our prayer**")
But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart,
let us pray:
for the needs of the whole world and all his people; **R**
for peace upon the earth he came to save; **R**
for love and unity within the one Church he did build; **R**
for goodwill among all peoples. **R**

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor,
the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; **R**
the sick and them that mourn; **R**
the lonely and the unloved; **R**
the aged and the little children; **R**
and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, **R**
or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon
another shore and in a greater light,
that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the
Word made flesh, and with whom, **R**
in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

This we ask in the name of the one whose birth we celebrate,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ,
as we pray the prayer he taught us to 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.**

FIRST LESSON 5:00 Trish Williams; 10:30 Lessie Fisher
Genesis 3:8-19
*God announces to Adam and Eve the punishment
for their rebellion, and that the seed of the woman
shall bruise the serpent's head.*

*CAROL 219 UMH "What Child Is This?" (all stanzas)

SECOND LESSON 5:00 Keith Elzie; 10:30 Justin Hanson
Genesis 22:15-18
*God promises to Abraham that by his offspring
all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.*

CAROL 238 UMH
"Angels We Have Heard on High" (all stanzas)

THIRD LESSON 5:00 Ellen Clark; 10:30 Martha McDaniel
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
*The prophet announces the future birth of a king
to a people in darkness.*

*CAROL 234 UMH "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (stanzas 1, 3, 6)

FOURTH LESSON 5:00 George Patton; 10:30 Lisa Rogers
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
*The coming king will usher in a reign of justice for the poor
and peace for all of God's creation.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Carols of the Manger" (arr. Martin)
Chancel Choir - 5:00 p.m.
Chamber Ensemble - 10:30 p.m.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger.
There He Lay, the undefiled. To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place. Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race. Who have found His favor
Come see the tiny baby, Little Jesus holy child.
I will hold you through the night, as the silent stars go by,
I will sing a lullaby. I will rock you, rock you, rock you.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark street shineth, the everlasting light.
The hope and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend on us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today!
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story.
Praise His name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory.

FIFTH LESSON 5:00 Helene Kramer; 10:30 Tom Rogers
Luke 1:26-38
*The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will
give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Away In A Manger" (arr. Martin)
Dustin Phelps, soloist - 5:00 p.m.
Catherine Phelps, soloist - 10:30 p.m.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Tim Carpenter
Rev. Grace Phelps
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
You created light out of darkness
and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

