



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Prelude

Words of Gathering

James L. Crow

Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH # 234

Call to Worship:

Come, let us celebrate God’s gifts in this joyous season.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

Come, let us worship the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

O come, let us adore Him!

Come, let us humble ourselves before the Lord, recognizing we live in the darkness of our own sin, undeserving His gifts.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Come and rejoice. The true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.

From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace already given.

Come, let us adore Him.

Christ the Lord, our good and perfect gift sent from above.

Carol

“Joy to the World”

UMH # 246

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Children’s Message

“Gifts From Above”

Prayer of the day

Presentation of Gifts by Children & Others

Carol

“Away in a Manger”

UMH #217

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH #230

“B is for Bethlehem”

OFFERING Our Gifts and Ourselves

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please stand)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

Christ’s Spirit is with us.

Let us lift up our 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 always right and proper at all times and in every place to give our thanks, but this holy night of nights, we especially shout our thanks and praise, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and light.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(Please be seated)

Holy are you and blessed is your servant Mary, blessed is the holy child of her womb. Born into poverty and exile, yet, proclaims good news to the poor, and offers freedom to all who are oppressed.

On the night when he was delivered over to death, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of the Word made Flesh among us,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, bless this bread and this wine.
May they be for us your body and blood, vibrant with life, healing, renewing, making us whole. As bread and wine are made one with us, may we become one with you, and one in ministry to the entire world. As the One who comes to us this night taught us, so now we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION: SHARING of the BREAD and the CUP

The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and Redeeming God, tonight you have made us one with you by lovingly sending your Son to take on our sins. We thank you for this Word made flesh, revealed to us in the manger and in the bread and wine. Grant that we may find in his birth the new birth which he brings in us, to live out your gospel of love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

UMH #239

Benediction

Now, Lord, let your servants go in peace, according to your word,
for our eyes have seen your salvation.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!

Postlude



May you have a Blessed Christmas!

You are invited to join us...

Christmas Day Service

Sunday • December 25 • 10:00 a.m. • Sanctuary

Featuring Mark Nelson Brass & Chancel Choir

AGO Presents: More Carols, More Rhythm

Tuesday • December 27 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Open to the public. Directed by James Marck, Ron Barshinger, and Ron Weber, this will be a wonderful carol-sing with hot chocolate to keep everyone warm in this cold season. Bring your left-over Christmas cookies to share!

New Year's Day Service

Sunday • January 1 • 10:00 a.m. • Sanctuary



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