



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

400 Fifth Avenue SW
Rochester, Minnesota 55902

To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches
An inclusive church where all are welcome!

December 24, 2009

11:00 p.m.

Nursery care is available in rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hallway.

Gathering Music

(10.40 p.m.)

God Rest Ye Merry arr. Cynthia Dobrinki

Christ Chimers

What Child Is This? arr. Karen Ball

Richard Owen, pianist

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day John Gardner

Voices in Praise

O Holy Night arr. Joel Raney

Richard Owen, pianist

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Kevin McChesney

Christ Chimers

Candlelight Carol arr. John Rutter

Voices in Praise

Christmas Eve Worship

(11.00 p.m.)

** Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.*

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN** (UMH) No. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

(Continued on overleaf.)

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
3. Yea, lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Come to us, Emmanuel, God with us.
Be born in our hearts this night,
that we may be reminded anew of the love of God.
Be born in our minds this night,
that we may seek to follow God with all of who we are.
Be born in our lives this night,
that we may be beacons of hope in the world.
Be born in us this night,
that we may know God with us, in our entire being.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(UMH) No. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arr. James Smith
Christ Chimers

***CAROL OF PRAISE** (UMH) No. 246

Joy to the World

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**
- 2. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of
his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 9:6-7

ANTHEM Sing We Noel Noël Goemanne
Voices in Praise

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-7

CAROL **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (UMH) No. 230

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep,
the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!**

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM The First Noel arr. Dan Forrest
Voices in Praise

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:15-20

Welcome to all of our Guests

We extend a special welcome to all our guests this evening. We are so very happy you were a vital part of tonight's Christmas Eve celebration. You are invited to join us for worship at 8:00, 9:00 or 11:00 on Sunday mornings. On Wednesdays we have community dinner at 4:45 followed by Wednesday Worship Celebration at 6:15 pm. We also offer a Taizé service the second Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to join us for worship again.

Our guests tonight are invited to stop by our Welcome Center where we have a small gift for you. Thank you for joining us in worship on this special evening.

May your Christmas be Blessed,
Pastors David, Amanda, Nancy and Mike

CUMC will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The church will also be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.