



**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**

**4:00 p.m.**

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

***Gathering Music***

*(3.45 p.m.)*

What Child Is This?

arr. Karen Ball

**Richard Owen, pianist**

Away in a Manger

arr. Van Valey and Berry

**Jubilee Bells with Aaron Mead, violin**

Echo Carol

arr. M. L. Tucker

**Jubilee Bells**

O Holy Night

arr. Joel Raney

**Richard Owen, pianist**

***Christmas Eve Worship***

*(4.00 p.m.)*

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

**CHRISTMAS BELL PROCESSION**

African Noel

Valerie Stephenson

**Jubilee Bells and Carillon Ringers; Deedee Odell, Director**

**WELCOME**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

- 1. 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.**
- 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.**

*(Continued on overleaf.)*

3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
4. 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**

We light the Christ candle because the light of the world,  
Jesus, was born on this night.

**Almighty God, you have made this night holy  
by the gift of your Son, child of wondrous love.  
Upon him rests your grace, through him comes your mercy.  
Let the light of Christ shine within us tonight even more  
brightly than it shines from the candles in this place.**

There are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle,  
or the mirror that reflects it. Help us to shine your light in a  
dark and waiting world.

**Welcome, Emmanuel!**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and yet are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

ANTHEM

Jingle Bells

Traditional

**Little Angels; Brenda Fyles, director**

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

arr. Cathy Mokolbust

**'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime  
Carillon Ringers; Deedee Odell, director**

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

- 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. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3. 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**

**TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

**Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!**

Patrick Messick

**Little Angels, Stepping Stones and Pathway Singers**

**Ruth Van Vugt, stage director**

**Richard Owen, musical director**

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!

Twinkle! Twinkle! (Song of the Stars)

Gloria! (Song of the Angels)

Wake Up! Wake Up! (Song of the Shepherds)

Mary's Lullaby

Wondrous Star (Song of the Kings)

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!/Go Tell It on the Mountain!

*(Please join the children in singing!)*

1. **Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.**
2. **Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
The shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth.**
3. **Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

**Rev. Michael Wuehler**

**\*LIGHTING OUR CANDLES OF HOPE**

1. **Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**
2. **Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

*(Continued on overleaf.)*

3. **Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**
4. **Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      Joy to the World                      arr. Valerie Stephenson  
**Carillon Ringers; Deedee Odell, director**

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**Little Angels**

Logan Ackerman  
Cassidy Arendt  
Elizabeth Arendt  
Grace Barrone  
Madeline Behfar  
Serena Behfar  
Will Brian  
Sydney Brown  
Logan Day  
Ryan Dripps  
Dane Eisenach  
Aidan Gross  
Braden Grossbach  
Makenna Grossbach  
Elizabeth Gunter  
Jocelyn Gunter  
Harriet Hansen  
Samuel Katzenberger  
Katarina Larsen  
Mika Mead  
Andrew Ott  
Davide Petersson  
Molly Soderberg  
Rhys Van Ert

Sydney Frank  
Weston Fyles  
Nathaniel Gunter  
Jacob Hansen  
John Lage  
Laurel Naylor  
Nolan Stepanek  
Aaron Van Vugt  
Michael Van Vugt  
Aidan Zimmer  
Annika Zimmer  
Cullen Zimmer

**Jubilee Bells**

Blake Eisenach  
Sydney Frank  
Weston Fyles  
Jacob Hansen  
John Lage  
Aaron Mead  
Connor Brown  
Nicholas Gunter  
Olivia Ott  
Elena Schultz  
Jocelyn Stepanek  
Nolan Stepanek  
Ghislaine Van Ert  
Aaron Van Vugt  
Michael Van Vugt

**Stepping Stones**

Connor Brown  
Jaden Eisenach  
Talon Frank  
Mason Greseth  
Nicholas Gunter  
Julia Katzenberger  
Olivia Ott  
Elena Schultz  
Jocelyn Stepanek

**Carillon Ringers**

Grace Becker  
Jacob Becker  
Makayla Day  
Bethany Fyles  
Elizabeth Geerdes  
John Geerdes  
Nathaniel Gunter  
Daria Koon  
Amber McCallum

**Pathway Singers**

Makayla Day  
Blake Eisenach

Laurel Naylor  
Jenna Rassmusson  
Aidan Zimmer  
Annika Zimmer  
Cullen Zimmer

**Reader**  
Kristin Hansen

**Ushers:**  
Alex Doppler  
Kyle Doppler

We would like to give special thanks to the following persons for their assistance in the preparation and presentation of the Children's Choirs Christmas Musical:

**Bethany Fyles** for overseeing the creation of the star shirts for the Little Angels Choir.

**Rev. Amanda Larsen** for the creation of the angel wings for the Stepping Stones Choir.

**Julie Plunkett** for the procurement of biblical costumes for the Pathway Singers.

**Bill VanVugt** for the building of the stable and for the stable hay bale.

**Kira Stearns** for assisting and shepherding the Jubilee Bells.

**All Parents and Grandparents** that assist in the attendance to rehearsals and the tailoring and creation of the individual costumes for their singers.

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**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.