



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

8:00 p.m.

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

* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

Christmas Eve Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***OPENING CHRISTMAS SINGING**

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!

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!

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise
him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth,
and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty.

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.

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.

***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

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

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:6-

SPECIAL MUSIC Breath of Heaven C. Gatton & A. Grant
The Christ Church Band

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20

SPECIAL MUSIC Joseph's Lullaby B. Millard & B. Bannister
The Christ Church Band

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "This Gift Is for You"
Rev. Michael Wuehler

***LIGHTING OUR CANDLES OF HOPE**
Silent Night, Holy Night

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!**
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

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.

Members of the Christ Church Band:

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| Casey Collins | Dave Lieder | Lael Van Ert |
| John Lage | Sara Owens | Rick Van Ert |