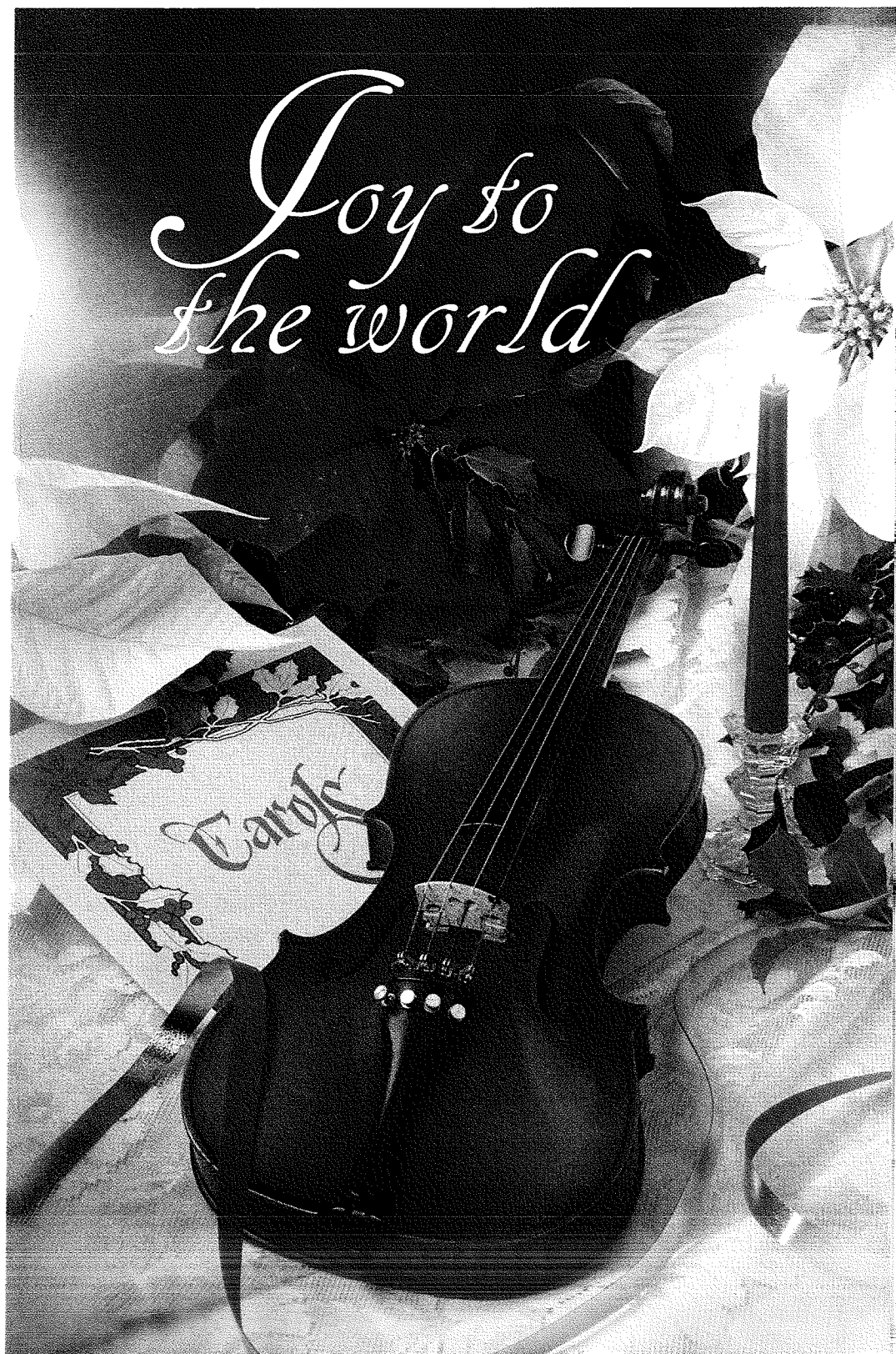


*Joy to  
the world*



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Peace United Church of Christ**

**December 24, 2012**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Please hold all applause**

*Brass Ensemble*

*Trumpet Solo*

*Piano and Organ Duet "Folk Carol Suite"*

PRELUDE *"O Holy Night" Organ & Piano*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

**People: We relight the candle of hope reminding us of God's promise to send a Savior.**

Leader: We relight the candle of peace reminding us that it is only through God that peace can be found.

**People: We relight the candle of love reminding us of God's gift of love to us in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: We relight the candle of joy reminding us that God's salvation is the true source of our joy.

SOLO RESPONSE *"I Wonder as I Wander"*

We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night. By God's grace may we share Christ's love, light and life with all the world.

**\*HYMN "The First Noel".....no. 179**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Almighty God - you have made this night holy by the gift of your son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rested all your grace. Through him all your grace and mercy has come to us. Let his light shine within our hearts and may our lives shine with his light tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. As we celebrate your priceless gift of love, help us to feel your presence, hear your word and live and share your everlasting love that has come to us through him. AMEN.**

BELL CHOIR *"Were You There on that Christmas Night"*

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 9:1-7 pg. 555

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Joyful All Ye Nations Rise"*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-19 pg. 832

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFT

*"Still, Still, Still" "Silent Night"*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE/Doxology.....no. 382**

**\*CANDLELIGHT SERVICE "Silent Night"**

*We invite the congregation to sing when the choir begins to sing*

**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.**

**Silent Night, Holy Night, Shepherds quake at the sight.**

**Glories stream from heaven afar,**

**Heavenly hosts Sing Alleluia;**

**Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**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.**

**\*HYMN "Joy to the World!".....no. 171**

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (those who are able please \*- stand)

Pastor.....Rev. William E. Hoch (717.335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer

Acolyte.....TBD

Greeters.....Jim Gress and John Haldeman

We invite those who purchased poinsettias to pick them up after worship this evening.

We offer a special thank you to the musicians and vocalist who contributed their gifts and talents for this evening's service:

Jonathan Lightcap, Clair Lausch, Dan Schweitzer, Mark Anthony,

Eric Schweitzer, Jim Anthony, Rich Pawling Madison Gress and

Cindy Anthony