

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Darkness shall cover the earth, but the glory of the Lord will rise upon you.

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**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE *“Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan”*

**\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**PRAYER: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, come into our darkness. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....no. 192**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of peace, you sent light into the world in the coming of your son Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God does not remain angry beyond measure, and is quick to forgive. Know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: In Jesus Christ we have new life! AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

BELL CHOIR *“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE**

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 7:10-17 pg. 554

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Ding Dong Merrily on High”*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 pg. 783

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

**\*HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”.....no. 197**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“I Pray on Christmas”*

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN**

**“While Shepherds Watched their Flocks”.....no. 175**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *“Toccata on Regent Square”*

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Candice Parker by Ron and Carol Parker.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose need remain silent.*

Doris Fultz Sully Madara Esther Ziemer

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There will be no Bible Study until the New Year. We have finished the study of Acts and beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin a lectionary study. Each week we will explore further the scriptures from the previous Sunday morning.

