

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Peace United Church of Christ

December 24, 2016

SPECIAL MUSIC Please hold all applause

He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child organ
Christmas Grace Heidi McDonough, Sheree Wolf
Bell Solos – Rocking Cindy Anthony
The Lord’s Prayer
Halleluiah Heidi McDonough
O Du Frohliche piano organ duet
Mary Did You Know Madison Morgan
O Star So Bright
O Holy Night Sheree Wolf

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Women’s Chorus

“Hush-a-bye, Sweet Baby”

***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 *“What Child Is This”*
“Little Drummer Boy”

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2-7 pg. 555

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Our Christmas Prayer”*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 pg. 832

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEN’S CHORUS *“We Have Found Him”*

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS

“Carol Medley”

***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 *“Joy To the World”*

(those who are able please *- stand)

Pastor.....Rev. William E. Hoch

Organist.....Mrs. Phyllis Sands

Pianist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

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

Greeters.....The Butz Family

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

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



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