

JACKSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 24th, 2022
Christmas Eve

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(Please use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234 UMH/Screen

Please remain seated for the centering hymn

Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Candle Sprague Family

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

P: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

L: For a child has been born to us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Bless His name, tell of His salvation from day to day.

L: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth.

L: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

P: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all through Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity.

Lighting of the 4 Advent candles & the Christ candle

L: Glory To God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!

P: O come, let us adore Him!

***Carol:** "Away In A Manger" #217 UMH/Screen

Special Music "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" Olivia Voress

Children's Message Pastor Randy & Branita Bratka

Special Music "I'll Be Home For Christmas" Olivia Voress

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 9:1-6**

Prayer of Preparation (in unison)

By the tender mercy of our God love has broken upon us!
Light is given where once there was darkness and hope where there was only death. Help us go into this season knowing that God will guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know" Brad Wren

Gospel Reading **Luke 2:1-20**

Sermon: "Behold, He Comes!" Pastor Randy Bratka

***Carol:** "Silent Night" #239 UMH/Screen

Sending Forth- leave in silence

*Standing for those who are able