

# Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Drive Thru Christmas Eve Service 12/24/20

**Note: Candles will be collected at the close of service. Please tune your radio to FM 89.1.**

**Introit: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**  
**Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;**  
**Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.**  
**Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing;**  
**Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe was born for you!**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Klingensmith Family

DARKNESS TO LIGHT John 1:1-18

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Was ever there such a night?

**People: When stars shone bright,**

Leader: When angels formed a heavenly chorus,

**People: And shepherds quaked!**

Leader: Was ever there such a birth?

**People: When a baby's cry meant God is now here!**

Leader: Was ever there a moment like now?

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**All: We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history in the city of Bethlehem, and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit as we have received the gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth to share your love with all of the people we meet, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT

(At this time we invite the congregation to hold the battery operated candles outside of the windows of your vehicles.) We kindly request that you do not light your candle until you are asked to do so. Thank you.

CLOSING HYMN

*Silent Night vs.1-3*

Insert

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Child born in Bethlehem, who has returned to the heavens from where he came, be your light in the midst of darkness, be your hope in times of despair, be your peace in turbulent times, be your joy in all of life, and bring you love in all of your days! And all of God's children join and say, Amen.

COMMUNITY BLESSING

*Joy To The World vs.1&4*

Insert

\*Please have your candles and your offerings ready to be collected as you exit the parking lot. Thank you.

Participants in this evening's service

Pastor: -----Rev. Donald C. Watkins

Worship Leader-----Renee Hartung

Reader-----Trude Hayes

Soloist-----Stephanie Voytek

Accompanist-----Cammy Young

OFFERING PRAYER (Unison)

Receive these gifts with our prayers of praise and petition that the proclamation of the angels at Bethlehem will continue to be broadcast throughout the world. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

DOXOLOGY

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above you heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-12

Let us join and sing together

*O Come All Ye Faithful vs. 1,2,3*

Insert

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Special Christmas Music

Soloist

*O Holy Night*

Stephanie Voytek

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(At this time please have your Communion packet available as we all prepare to receive Holy Communion.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1&2*

Insert

Invitation

Pastor: This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow in Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Litany of Remembrance and Consecration

Pastor: God of light, in whom there is no shadow, your gifts to us are from the beginning of time.

**All: They began with creation, when your Spirit gave form to the chaos of energy and matter, and when you brought forth light on the face of the earth.**

Pastor: They continued with our ancient ancestors, like Noah, whom you blessed with the colorful promise of the rainbow,

**All: And like Sarah and Abraham, whom you blessed with a child, whose descendants, as many as the stars of the sky, were to be a light to the nations.**

Pastor: In the desert, you gave the gifts of manna and of living water to the weary pilgrims whom you led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

**All: At last, you sent your light into the world in the form of a tiny child, fragile and vulnerable, who grew to be the very Light of Light, full of grace and truth, revealing your glory on earth.**

Pastor: We thank you, O God that you have sent Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light.

**All: Help us to receive your gifts with joy and humility. As we receive this bread and this cup, may we open our hearts to support one another. Be born among us, that we may give Christ's love to the world, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, after giving thanks to you, He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "This is my body which has been broken for you, as often as you eat of it, do so in remembrance of Me." After supper, He took the cup, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins, as often as you drink of this, do so in remembrance of me." Come for all things have been prepared.

Holy Communion for all.

**People: When we let the majesty and simplicity of the story touch our hearts.**

Leader: When we draw closer to the family and God.

**People: When we sing with deep feeling and overflowing joy!**

Leader: Oh, this is the night!

**People: And the story is still told, the carols still sung, and something new happens again and again.**

**All: Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark The Herald Angels Sing vs.1&2* Insert

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**As we come to worship the Christ Child whose birthday we honor, we repeat the breathless words of Mary, the mother of Jesus: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." This is indeed a time of wonder, a time of a miracle, a time of praise, and a time of holy quietness. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Do not be afraid, for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

CHRISTMAS EVE BLESSING AND PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

RECOGNITION OF OUR TIME OF SHARING