

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2016

GATHERING MUSIC: Purvis
What Child is This?

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Emily Knight

CHORAL INTROIT: Hopson
Christmas Antiphonal, Chancel Choir

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 234
O Come All Ye Faithful” (verses 1-3 & 6)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And hope to every discouraged heart.
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And peace to every conflicted soul.
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And joy to every downcast spirit.
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And love to all people.
All: Glory to God in the highest!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7

CHAPEL RINGERS: Johanek
Kling, Glockchen (Ring, Little Bells)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
One: “Lord, in your mercy”
ALL: “Hear our prayer.”

PRAISE TEAM: Matthews
“Jesus Christ is Born” Allison Matthews, soloist

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 240
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHANCEL RINGS: Hakes
Angels We Have Heard on High

OFFERTORY:
(ALL of tonight’s offering will go to the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home and Family Promise of Jacksonville)
Masters in this Hall, Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE & MEDITATION: Luke 2:1-20
Rev. Emily Knight

SONG OF REFLECTION: Praise Team and Chancel Choir
Good News

HOLY COMMUNION

Music During Communion:
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:
Eternal God, thank you for this Holy mystery in which you have revealed yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the light of your love to give ourselves in service to others. Amen.

CAROL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: No. 239
“Silent Night”
During the last verse (wondrous star, lend thy light), we will raise our candles

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Chapman
“Improvisation on ‘Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella’”

You have entered for praise and prayer, leave to love and serve.

*Congregation Stand



Welcome and Merry Christmas!

We have been praying for you before you even arrived and are happy to offer the following to assist in worship:

- Our nursery is open for worshippers 0-4 years of age
- Personal hearing devices that connect directly to our audio system. Our ushers will be happy to help.

Special thanks to Emily Matthews, the 8th grade artist who created the beautiful work on tonight's bulletin cover.

ASSISTING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE:

CHAPEL RINGERS DIRECTOR: Nancy Newman
BANNER BEARERS: Luke Renne, Anthony Strong
LITURGIST: Mark Cashen
CRUCIFER: Jacob Mardini
ACOLYTES: Emily Matthews, Jordan Mardini
HEAD USHER: Gordon Middleton, Jr.

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2018 MLK Jr. DAY OF SERVICE: Save the date and plan to join us as we connect and serve in the community: Monday, January 15th. More details coming soon.

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*Glory to God
in the highest
and on earth:
Peace*