
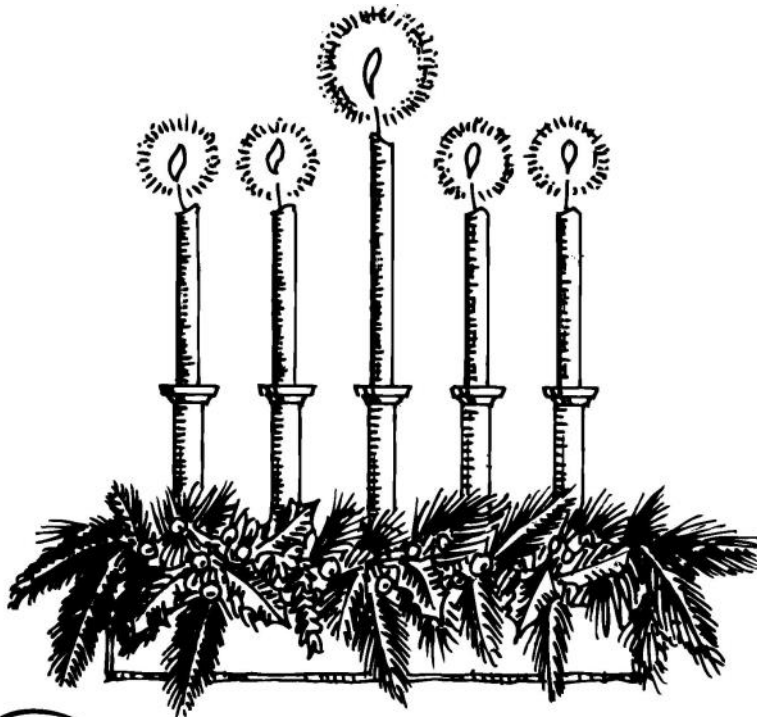


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

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+ = Please stand as you are able

* = Words are projected

Prelude "Joy to the World" arr. by Dan Coates

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle * Greg & Mary Elliott
and Savannah

+ Call to Worship

One: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

Many: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

One: Our souls sing out God's praise!

Many: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

One: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

ALL: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. Amen.

Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH #246

Children Are Called Forward

Special Music "What Child is This?" The Youth Choir
"Go! Tell it on the Mountain"

Prayer

Offering/Offertory "The First Noel"
Response * "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

Hymn Medley "Away in a Manger" (vs 1,2) UMH #217
"O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1,2) UMH #230

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Chosen by God" Derrick Parson

Service of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

“Silent Night with Claire de Lune”

arr. by Tom Fettke

+ Lighting of the candles (pass the light by tipping the unlit candle)

+ Hymn *

“Silent Night, Holy Night”
(Words printed on back of bulletin)

UMH #239

+ Benediction

+ Postlude



Welcome to **Providence United Methodist Church**. If you are looking for a place to belong, be transformed by God's love and make a difference in the world, you have found it. If you want to know more about Providence and finding a more personal connection with God through Jesus, please contact **Pastor Derrick Parson**. You may reach him at the church (804-276-4289) or by email at: derrick.parson@providenceumc.net.

Restrooms are located on the main floor toward the chapel. A baby changing station is located in the handicap accessible restroom. A baby changing station and a play area (without attendant) is also available in the nursery on the first floor. Ask an usher for assistance. And thank you for silencing all electronic devices!

Tonight's **Christmas Offering** will be divided between Branches (our missionary outreach in Florida) and the United Methodist Family Services. All cash and gifts marked "Christmas Offering" will support these important projects. Gifts in regular church offering envelopes will go to the operating budget of the church.

The New Year brings **new beginnings**. Join us for worship at 9:00 am for our informal Connections worship and at 11:00 am for a more traditional worship experience. Child care is provided. Study and fellowship is provided for adults, youth and children at 9:45 each Sunday.

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

(sing verses 1-4 and repeat until all candles are lit)

Verse 1

**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**

Verse 2

**Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

Verse 3

**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**

Verse 4

**Silent night holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

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