


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Welcome

Prelude

Go Tell It!

arr. Tom Fettke & Camp Kirkland

+ Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

Leader: Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people.

ALL: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: And his name shall be called Emmanuel,

ALL: God with us.

+ Hymn UMH 250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Marisa, Martin & Kim Evancoe

Advent Candle Response

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 219

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Sermon

Emmanuel ... God is with *us*?

Daniel Burch

Solo

O Holy Night
Margaret Taylor, Solo

arr. Mark Hayes

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you gave us the transforming birth of the child Jesus as a light for our path. Yet we confess that we have chosen to live in the shadows. We nurse grudges and avoid resolution of conflict. We give up on praying for peace. We ask that your Spirit be renewed within us, that we may share your gifts of peace and justice with all people. We seek to receive and share the Good News of Jesus as announced by the angels. In all things, we desire to give glory to God in heaven and work for peace on earth. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

+ The Peace

Offertory

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Response: **O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You are invited to come with open hands to receive the bread and dip it lightly into the juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come.

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

+ Hymn UMH 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

- + Please stand as you are able.
- * Words Projected

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 (276-4289), or at: derrickparson@vaumc.org. All guests are invited to pick up a Christmas mug as your welcome gift this evening.

A nursery is offered this evening for children newborn through age 4. It is located downstairs in room 103. Restrooms are located down the main hall, turning left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.

The New Year brings **new beginnings**. Join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. for our informal Connections worship and at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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.

Tonight's **Christmas Offering** will go to local, national and world mission projects:

- UMFS (United Methodist Family Services) Headquartered here in Richmond with offices around the state, this agency provides support for families in crisis through an adolescent residential treatment program, family counseling, foster care and adoption services.
- CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) provides food, Career Closet, and Utility support for people in our neighborhoods.
- Missions of Providence
- Providence Road Partners (PUMC in mission with A. M. Davis Elementary School)

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