

Christmas Eve 2014

10:30 PM Candlelight Communion

** Means to stand as you are able*

Bold font indicates the congregation joins in reading

ORGAN PRELUDE

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

Arranged by Johnson

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

***OPENING CAROL** UMH #234 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (vs. 1-4)

***OPENING PRAYER** UMH #231 *"Christmas"*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

Carrie & Paul Wrubel

Reader 1: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world.
O God, now we light the candle of your nativity!

Reader 2: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy,
you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

People: **God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thank you for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your grace. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG TFWS #2090 *"Advent Song"* (verse 5)

Light the Christmas candles now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow. Birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

FIRST LESSON

The Loss of Paradise

FIRST CAROL UMH #196 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

SECOND LESSON God Promises to Bless Abraham's Descendants

SECOND CAROL UMH #203 *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* (vs. 2&3)

THIRD LESSON The Prophet Announces the Birth of a King

THIRD CAROL *"Peace Will Come"* - David Danner & Terry York
Chancel Choir

FOURTH LESSON The Peaceable Kingdom Is Coming

FOURTH CAROL *"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd"* - Handel
Soloist: Kim Stephens

FIFTH LESSON The Response of Mary

FIFTH CAROL UMH #219 *"What Child Is This"*

SIXTH LESSON The Humble Birth

SIXTH CAROL *"Away in a Manger"*
Trio: John De Groot, Jason Hawkins, Larry Stephens

SEVENTH LESSON Angels Proclaim the Birth

SEVENTH CAROL UMH #240 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

EIGHTH LESSON Wise Men Bring Gifts

EIGHTH CAROL UMH #254 *"We Three Kings"* (vs. 1-3)

OFFERING

Offertory

"The Prayer" - David Foster

Duet: Sherry Scates & Larry Stephens

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)