

*SPREADING THE LIGHT

[As "Silent Night" is being sung, the ushers will light the candles of the first person in each pew. Please pass the light down the pew by holding the lit candle upright as you tilt the unlit candle. Parental discretion is advised.]

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 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 2

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

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.

*BENEDICTION

*CAROL OF CELEBRATION

UMH #246

"Joy to the World"

PEAL OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

-Bach

Rev. Dick Wisdom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

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*December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve 10:30pm*

Merry Christmas

**December 30th: Please join us for worship at 10:00am.
There will be only one service and NO Sunday School.**

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP

December 24, 2018

10:30 pm

*Indicates congregation stands
bold type indicates to read in unison

PRELUDE Piano Duet: Nathan Scates & Melanie Dale
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Four Hand Piano Duet: Kathleen Hermansen & Melanie Dale
“O Little Town of Bethlehem / Away in a Manger”

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLES

GREETINGS

CHORAL INTROIT “Gloria In Excelsis Deo!”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Mizwicki Family

God, you have shined your light upon your people, the light of peace, justice, and righteousness. We listen to the story of Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels, and join in celebrating the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world.

**We welcome the arrival of the Christ child,
Son of God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

On this Christmas Eve, we light this Christ candle acknowledging light has come into the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

ADVENT SONG “Advent Song” (v. 5) TFWS #2090

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.**

***OPENING CAROL** UMH #238
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM “All Is Well” -Michael W. Smith
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-18

SERMON “God Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”
Rev. Dick Wisdom

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory “The Prayer”

Larry Stephens & Sherry Steele, Soloists

*Doxology (on screen)

*Prayer of Dedication

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation/Confession and Pardon UMH #12

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

Lord’s Prayer (on screen)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup -Adolphe Adam

“O Holy Night” Soloist: Larry Stephens