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Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Special Music: 7:00 PM Worship Service: 7:30 PM
December 24, 2021

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*Candlelight Communion Service
Celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus*

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

SPECIAL MUSIC (7:00 PM)

CHRISTMAS WELCOME (7:30 PM)

BELLS

The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Justin Streletz, Pianist

ADESTE FIDELES, Arr. Mark Hayes

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise and awaken, children of God!

For our light has come, and the glory of the Holy One shines out!

Lift up your eyes! Look around you!

The people gather together - the people of all nations come together to worship God.

You shall see and shall shine with God’s light.

Let us rejoice and praise God, whose love shines forth into the world.

 **OPENING HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

133

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Luke 2:8-14)

Curt and Claire Hoagland

 **RESPONSE**

Love Has Come

110

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of Christ’s peace with those around you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

HYMN

Away in a Manger

115

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 NRSV

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Coventry Carol
The Van Slyke Family

TRADITIONAL

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Come All Ye Faithful
FUPCDC Chancel Choir

Joel Raney, Ed Hogan

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-5,14 NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE The Symbolic Title: Light of the World Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary. For those worshiping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/ Jesus, the Light of the World 127

SERVICE OF GIVING

(Unless designated, tonight's offering is a Christmas Joy Gift and is not part of regular pledged giving. If your offering is for the church budget, please designate that it is part of your pledge or is a gift to the church on your envelope or check.)

Music at the Offering *What Child Is This/Child of the Poor*

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL, Arr. The Hound & the Fox, Scott Soper, William Chatterton Dix
Chris and Becca Anderson

DOXOLOGY

60

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mady LeVasseur

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: *If you haven't already picked up an individual prefilled communion cup as you entered the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward, by way of the center aisle, when an usher indicates to receive the elements. Gluten-free prefilled communion cups are located in the center of the tray. Please take the elements back to your seat by way of the outside aisles.*

Please hold the elements until all are served. *When directed by the Pastor, open the bread portion of the cup and partake. Then, when directed, carefully open the juice portion of the cup and partake. Please assist children and other members of your family who may have trouble opening the prefilled communion cups. Please hold onto your trash until you exit the sanctuary and dispose of your used cups in the provided waste receptacles.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

There's a Star in the East (Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow)

135

O Little Town of Bethlehem

121

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME


SERVICE OF LIGHT


The Pastor will light the choir's candles with the flame from the Christ candle. Choir members in turn give light to the worshipers nearest the aisle, who will pass it on to the others in that row. Please tip the UNLIT candle toward the LIT candle to avoid spilling hot wax.


HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night! (verse 3 a cappella)* 122

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

 **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Joy to the World* 134

 **POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH, Arr. Jeff Bennett
Justin Stretetz, Pianist

 *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

WHEN LEAVING THE PARKING LOT . . . for safety, please turn right when exiting the church parking lot and make a U-turn at the traffic light instead of turning left onto Minnieville Road.

Have a very Merry Christmas!
We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, December 26th - Carol Sing
10:00 AM - one worship service

Attendance and Prayer Requests

Since we have temporarily suspended passing the friendship register, we request that those who attend worship in person sign in at one of the new attendance stations. If you are worshipping from home, or don't feel comfortable signing in at a station, you can register your attendance and prayer requests using the online form, which is located on our website at fupcdc.org/attend or by scanning this QR Code with your mobile device.





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Ministers.....People of the Church
Pastor.....Rev. Adam C. Bowling
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*Poinsettias were given
to the Glory of God by . . .*

*Martin Andrews, in memory of Mark Levy and Jennifer Lewis
Karen Attreed, in honor of family and friends
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
our daughters, Jill, Courtney, Katie, and Becky, and their families
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in memory of
our parents, Joe and Ruth Chamberlin and Ed and Georgie Stratton
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of and appreciation for
the outstanding FUPCDC Music Program
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
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Charles and Agnes Fokwa on their 33rd Wedding Anniversary
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Brian and Diane Fulton, in memory of Scott Fulton and Jacob Fulton
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Cathy Albrecht and Jeannie Scott
(for helping me with my home infusions)
Ellen Nuernberger, in memory of
Carl and Flora Gray and George Nuernberger
Charlotte Stultz, in honor of our Chancel Choir
Joanne and Rodney Willis, in memory of
Robert and Josephine Bradshaw, Joanne's Parents
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John Scott and Audrey Willis, Rodney's Parents*

Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service on December 26th. Thank you!

