

Wishing you and yours a safe and serene  
Merry Christmas!

Our Christmas Day Service of Carols  
will be held tomorrow,  
Sunday, December 25th at 10 a.m.

Participants:  
William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor  
Mary Hurley, Guest Pastor  
Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music  
Erlene Dreier, Director of Bell Choir  
Carolyn Howard, Organist



# The Way to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2016 - 11 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IN BETHLEHEM  
DECEMBER 24, 2016 - 11:00 P.M.**



MEDITATIONAL MUSIC "Away in the Manger" (Uber) Brass Quartet  
Rusty Yeager, Daryl Helfert, Adam Hobbs, & Rick Hobbs

\*ADVENT SONG "Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Bill Wassner

Leader: We made it to Bethlehem! We gather this night to celebrate the Good News!

**People: Tonight, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born to us.**

Leader: He is Christ the Lord!

**People: With the angels, let us sing our praises.**

**Unison: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of God's children!**

\*OPENING CAROL "Joy to the World!"

\*UNISON INVOCATION Pastor Mary Hurley

**Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us. We open wide the doors to our hearts. Come, fill us with a Hope that eases our fears. Come, fill us with a Peace that calms our worries. Come fill us with a Joy that lifts our spirits. Come fill us with a Love that knows no boundaries. Come, fill us with Light that brightens every corner of darkness. Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us; be born in us again. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Baby in a Cradle" (Kinyon) Traditional Choir

**TESTIMONIES IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG**

THE MESSAGE OF RUTH Ruth 1:14-19a Pastor Bill

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE MESSAGE OF MICAH Micah 5: 2-5a Pastor Mary

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THE MESSAGE OF JOSEPH Luke 2: 1-7 Pastor Bill

\*CAROL "What Child Is This?"

THE MESSAGE OF THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2: 8-14 Pastor Mary

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
"Christmas Joy" (Dobrinsky) Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1:1-5 (NLT)**

HOMILY **SEEING THE LIGHT** Pastor Bill

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Kolb Family

PASSING OF THE LIGHT AND DIMMING OF THE SANCTUARY

\*CLOSING CAROL "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

\*FINAL BLESSING



(\* All who are able should please stand when noted.)