

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 AM.

William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor

Katie Maurer, Kasey Gathercole, Co-Directors

Pam Schuck, Dirck Stahl, Song Leaders

Dirck Stahl, Guitar; Don Armstrong, Bass; Luke Smith, Drums



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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2016 - 4:00 P.M.
"BUILDING A NATIVITY"

MEDITATIONAL MUSIC

Henry & Katie Maurer

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who do bells for Christmas ring?

People: Why do little children sing?

Leader: Once a lovely, shining star,

People: Seen by shepherds from afar,

Leader: Gently moved until its light,

People: Made a manger-cradle bright.

Leader: There a darling baby lay,

People: Pillowed soft upon the hay.

Leader: And his mother said and smiled,

People: "This is Christ, the holy child."

Leader: So the bells for Christmas ring,

People: And the little children sing.

-Lydia A. C. Ward, "Christmas Song"

*OPENING CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*UNISON INVOCATION

**God of angels and babies, fill the skies with light and song
and fill our hearts with wonder and peace. For on this
night a window to heaven opens, and we catch a
glimpse of an incredible love, which descends as a child.
O, let the angels sing and let our hearts be softened. Let
our lives be filled anew with hope, peace, joy and love.
God of the shepherds and stars, open us to the miracle of
Your Son, who entered the world and our lives as we
worship on this holy night. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Light of the World" (Redman)

Karen Daniel, Daphne Owen, Katie Maurer,
Casey Odom, Pam Schuck, Kasey Gathercole,
Levi Odom, Bob Koch, & Bill Wassner



"BUILDING A NATIVITY"

I. SETTING OF THE STABLE

Micah 5: 2-5a

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE

CAROL

II. PLACEMENT OF MARY

Luke 1: 34-38

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE

CAROL

III. PLACEMENT OF JOSEPH

Matthew 1: 18-24

"Joseph's Lullaby" (Millard & Banister)

Dirck Stahl

SCRIPTURE

SOLO

IV. PLACEMENT OF JESUS

Luke 2: 1-7

"Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE

CAROL

V. PLACEMENT OF THE ANGELS

Luke 2: 8-14

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE

CAROL

VI. PLACEMENT OF THE SHEPHERD AND SHEEP

Luke 2: 15-20

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

SCRIPTURE

CAROL

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Armstrong Family
John 1: 1-5

SHARING OF THE LIGHT AND DIMMING OF THE SANCTUARY
(Please only tip unlighted candles while lighting.)

*CLOSING CAROL "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

*FINAL BLESSING

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