

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bill

OPENING MUSIC "Arise, Your Light is Come" (Walker)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary  
 Leader: We have come here this Christmas day to celebrate; a child has been born for us.  
**People: His name is called Wonderful Counselor, Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God.**  
 Leader: He is the babe of Bethlehem and the mighty Lord.  
**People: His name is called Savior, author of life, the bread of life.**  
 Leader: He is called friend and guide,  
**People: and we call him Prince of Peace and the one who brings love to all humankind.**  
**Unison: Let us worship with joyous and thankful praise, as we carol through Christmas!**

BACKGROUND

\*OPENING CAROL "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 72 (v. 1, 4, 5, 6)

\*UNISON INVOCATION  
**This wonderful day, O Lord, is our opportunity to acknowledge Your loving gift to us in Christ our Savior. Therefore, we come humbly and joyfully into Your presence to express our unrestrained thankfulness and our words of love for the greatest blessing we have ever received. With eternal gratitude, we pray in Your Son's blessed name. Amen.**

\*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE and LOVE

FIRST READING Matthew 1:18-22, 24; Luke 2:1, 3-7 Pastor Bill

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 95 (v. 1, 2, 5)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Meeting the Christ Child" Linda Hobbs

SECOND READING Luke 1:30-35, 37-38, 46-49 Pastor Mary

SPECIAL MUSIC "Breath of Heaven" Katie Maurer

BACKGROUND Pastor Bill

CAROL "O Holy Night" # 129

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THIRD READING Luke 2:8-12; Matthew 2:1-2 Pastor Mary

CAROL "The First Noel" # 97 (v. 1, 4)

NARRATOR Pastor Bill

FOURTH READING Matthew 2:9-11

CAROL "As With Gladness Men of Old" # 141 (v. 1, 3)

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
 OFFERTORY "Let This Christmas Be"  
 \*DOXOLOGY **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  
**Holy God, the One to whom all doxology rightfully belongs, we are humbled that You took on our humanity, and became one of us. Thank You for the sacrifice You made, willingly, yet at great cost. Accept and bless these gifts as we offer our lives as doxology, given in praise and service to You and Your coming kingdom. Amen.**

HOMILY CHRISTMAS GIFTS Pastor Bill

CHALLENGE Pastor Mary

\*CLOSING CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" # 90 (v. 1, 5, 6)

\*UNISON BLESSING  
**We go forth carrying Christmas in our hearts. Whatever we face or wherever we go, we remember that Christ is with us; remember that God loves us; remember that the message of Christmas—the true meaning of Christmas—isn't confined to a day, a week, or a month. We go and carry God's torch of love and quietly and kindly illuminate the paths of those living in darkness. We are the light of the world. Amen.**

\*RINGING THE BELLS

CLOSING MUSIC "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Traditional)

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### THE WEEK AHEAD...

#### TODAY - 12/25 - Christmas Day

10:00 am Service of Carols

#### MONDAY - 12/26

Building & Office Closed

#### TUESDAY - 12/27

8:00 am Weight Watchers

5:15 pm Weight Watchers

#### SATURDAY - 1/31 - New Year's Eve

10:00 am Neighborhood Brunch

#### SUNDAY - 1/1 - New Year's Day

9:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:15 am Praise Singers rehearsal

10:00 am Sunday School, Breakfast

11:00 am Discovery Worship with Holy Communion

1:00 pm Kitchen/Dining Room reserved

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Dec 25 10:00 am Stacey Henderson

Jan 1 9:00 am

& S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson

11:00 am Stacey Henderson & Ruth Smith

### GREETERS

Dec 25 10:00 am Polly Ellison, Verna Hudson, Tracey & Keith Kolb

Jan 1 9:00 am Eloise Castleman, Barb Marr

11:00 am Lisa Huck, Nancy Hile

### USHERS

#### December

9:00 am Louis Buschkill, Captain; Bob Dreier

11:00 am Jacob Jackson, Captain; Keith Krietenstein, Mike O'Nan, Earl Smith

### PRAYER CONCERNS

*A complete list is posted on the entry bulletin board.*

Richard Alvis  
Millie Barrett  
Orion Bays (Riley)  
Brooke Bishop  
Stacey Henderson  
Rosalie Julian  
Shirley Kolb (home)  
Anna Oschman (rehab)  
Pamela Paul (daughter of Bob & Shirley Sheets)  
Jerry Schreiber (FL)  
Earl Williams  
Bill Yeager



## A Place to Belong and Serve

*Caroling Through Christmas*



**CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00 AM - December 25, 2016**

*William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor  
Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music  
Carolyn Howard, Organist*

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