

RESPONSE

"One Candle is Lit" (v 5)

**Come, listen, the sounds of God with us ring clear,
And signs of a cross in the distance appear.
The World once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.
One candle is lit for the Christ birthday here.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MEETING THE CHRIST CHILD

Kim Armstrong

Children's Worship & Wonder Presentation

The children will remain in the Sanctuary for the remainder of Worship.

PRAYER CHORUS

"What Child is This?"

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Bill

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND MUSIC TO GOD

"Light of the Stable" (Rhymer & Rhymer)

Lisa Conkling, Tom Conkling, Kasey Gathercole, Rick Hobbs,
Katie Maurer, Bill Wassner, Lisa Wassner

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-14 (NRSV)

Pastor Mary

*CAROL

"Joy to the World"

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CHRISTMAS STORY

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

Pastor Mary

*CLOSING CHORUS

"A Light Has Dawned"

*SENDING FORTH



**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Christmas Eve Service of Praise
December 24, 2017 - 10:00 AM**

LIGHT

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wassner

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Sends the Snow" (Lapointe & Webb)

Bill Barrett, Lisa Conkling, Tom Conkling, Kasey Gathercole,
Lisa Hobbs, Rick Hobbs, Bob Koch, Lisa Wassner, Andrea Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.

People: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy Light.

Leader: Now there is reason to Hope, to grasp Peace, to feel Joy, and to Love.

People: God is truly with us. We are not alone.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*PRAISE SONG

"Let This Christmas Be"

*UNISON INVOCATION

Gracious God, with Joy and Love, we gather as Your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this day, quiet our hearts that we may know the Peace and Hope of this holy time. Shine Your Light in the darkness of our world. This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

Josh Merkel, Rick & Linda Hobbs

Please join us this evening at 10 p.m. for our

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor - Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor
Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer, Co-Directors of Discovery Music
Lisa Wassner, Song Leaders

Nick Gathercole, guitar; Don Armstrong, bass; Bob Koch, drums

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