

**9:00 AM - Traditional Worship**

**“Let Us Sing”**

RINGING THE BELLS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC  
“Ding Dong Merrily on High” (arr. Burndrett)  
Melinda Hummel, cello

INTRODUCTION and GUIDED MEDITATION

\*OPENING CAROL # 98 (1, 3)  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE The Triangle Class

UNISON PRAYER FOR HOPE  
**In the silence of the night,  
By the star’s gentle light,  
Peace is born.  
Joy is born.  
Hope is born.  
Amen.**

SPOKEN RESPONSE  
“Silent Night, Holy Night” (v.4)

**Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE (on screen)  
“Calm and Bright”

\*PRAYER Pastor Mary Hurley  
**Eternal God, we are seeking signs of Your Presence in our lives. Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts to receive some word of Hope as we anticipate the coming of the One whom You are sending. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
**Dear people all around the world  
Let us unite and we will show  
How Hope can change us,  
How Hope can help us grow.**

CAROL OF PRAISE # 94 (2,3)  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Bill

LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

SPECIAL MUSIC  
“Go Tell It On the Mountain” (Phillips)  
Melinda Hummel, cello

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Pastor Mary  
Offertory “In the Bleak Midwinter” Lisa Wassner  
\*Doxology (Tune of “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”) (on screen)  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CAROL OF PREPARATION # 95 (1, 3, 5)  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2: 1-6 (NRSV)

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN WORD Pastor Bill  
“**Hope Is On The Way**”

\*CLOSING CAROL # 132  
“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Bill  
Go with God into this day  
May the Spirit guide your way  
Offer to Hope all you greet  
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

\*SUNG RESPONSE (in unison)  
**We need a silent night in here.  
We need your presence to come near.  
Give us the love we seek  
and the HOPE we need.  
We need a silent night, we need a silent night,  
We need a silent night in here.**

CLOSING MUSIC Lisa Wassner  
“Good King Wenceslas”

**11:00 AM - Discovery Worship**

**“Let Us Sing”**

GATHERING MUSIC  
“Ding Dong Merrily on High” (arr. Burndrett)  
Melinda Hummel, cello

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SONG OF RESPONSE  
“Calm and Bright”

\*OPENING SONG  
“Born That We May Have Life”

\*PRAYER Pastor Mary Hurley

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
**Dear people all around the world  
Let us unite and we will show  
How Hope can change us,  
How Hope can help us grow.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Bill  
Children age 4 to 2nd grade, are invited to go to Room 105 for  
Children Worship and Wonder. Parents are always welcome to visit.  
Leader: Linda Hobbs; Greeter: Beth Moreland;  
Story: “Magi and Christ’s Birth”

PRAYER SONG  
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND MUSIC TO GOD Pastor Mary  
“Go, Tell It On the Mountain” (arr. Phillips)  
Melinda Hummel, cello

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-6 (NRSV)

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN WORD Pastor Bill  
“**Hope Is On The Way**”

\*CLOSING SONG  
“Messiah”

\*SENDING FORTH

**Celebrate  
Christmas Eve  
at St. Paul's UCC**

**Worship services  
at 4:00 PM  
and 10:00 PM.**

Our 4:00 PM worship service  
will be family oriented.

Our 10:00 PM worship service  
will be more traditional in  
nature with time-honored  
Christmas liturgy.

**THOSE IN NEED OF  
PRAYER...**

Ed Albin\*  
Orion Bays  
Evelyn Bernard\*  
Cammie Barning Breitenmoser  
Tony Bogan  
Jeanne Brame  
Ron Burgdorf  
Diane Burkhardt  
Louis Buschkill  
Eloise Castleman\*  
Katzie Crowley  
Dr. Larry Deitch  
John Endress and family on the loss  
of his brother  
John Endress\*  
Bill Grisham\*  
Clarence "Butch" Hahn  
Gary Hahn  
Helen Hammer\*  
Jackie Hammer  
Gayle Hochstetler  
Joanne Jackson\*  
Tara Jackson  
Connie Jourdan  
Mary Rita Jourdan  
Joan Kappler  
Bob Kraemer  
Mary McIntosh  
Bernice McReynolds  
Eileen Moore  
Margaret Moore\*  
George Murphy\*  
Marylee Murphy\*  
Arthur Nendel\*  
Rosalie Newell\*  
Karen Norman (sister of Kris  
Effinger)  
Susan Raber\*  
Marie Rayoum\*  
Liz Roberts (friend of Tonette Smith)  
Jeanett Rueger\*  
Bob Russell  
Jerry Schreiber  
Don Schuldt  
Mel Schwartz\*  
Ali Shanks  
Bob Sheets  
Shirley Sheets  
Marilyn Smith\*  
Suzie Staples  
Billy Thomas  
Nima Trautvetter\*  
Alfred & Sara Wassner  
Kathy Waters  
Lowell Woosley (brother of Russ &  
Susie Woosley)  
Nikki Wyble

\*Shut In

**What's happening...**

**SUNDAY - 12/23**

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Praise Singers  
10:00 am Hospitality Cookies  
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday  
School  
11:00 am Discovery Worship

**MONDAY - 12/24  
Office Closed**

**TUESDAY - 12/25  
Building & Office Closed  
Merry Christmas!**

**WEDNESDAY - 12/26  
Building & Office Closed**

**THURSDAY - 12/27**  
9:30 am Discovery Study Group  
3:00 pm Open Kitchen  
5:30 pm Women at the Well

**FRIDAY - 12/28**  
9:30 am Senior Exercise Class

**SATURDAY - 12/29**  
10:00 am Neighborhood Brunch

**SUNDAY - 12/30**  
9:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Praise Singers  
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday  
School  
11:00 am Discovery Worship

**MONDAY - 12/31  
Office Open 8:30 am-12 pm**

**TUESDAY - 1/1  
Building & Office Closed  
Happy New Year!**

**Those who serve...**

**Nursery Attendants**

**December 23**  
9:00 am & S.S. Hour  
Stacey Henderson &  
Destiny Whitaker  
11:00 am Stacey Henderson  
**December 30**  
9:00 am & S.S. Hour  
Stacey Henderson &  
June Pillow  
11:00 am Stacey Henderson

**Greeters**

**December 23**  
9:00 am Polly Ellison  
11:00 am Tracey & Keith Kolb  
**December 30**  
9:00 am Janie Cummings, Judy  
Fluty  
11:00 am Judy Lockhart, Debbie  
Kerns

**Ushers December**

9:00 am Louis Buschkill, captain;  
Bob Dreier, Darlene Dycus, Jim  
Geiser  
11:00 am Earl Smith, captain;  
Jacob Jackson, Mike O'Nan

**Deacon (offering) December**

9:00 am Louis Buschkill  
11:00 am Karen Daniel

**Calm and Bright :  
200 Years of Silent Night**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2018**

**HOPE**

**TEAR (OFF) & SHARE  
(WITH SOMEONE)**

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor  
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministries  
Lisa Wassner, Guest Organist  
Casey Odom, Levi Odom, Dirck Stahl, Song Leaders  
Dirck Stahl, guitar; Bob Koch, drums

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