

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ministerial Alliance



Community Christmas Candlelight Service

December 23, 2018

6:00pm

LARGE PRINT



Ministerial Alliance Christmas Candlelight Service

Organist: Eula Gowan

Greeters/Ushers this evening

Ms. Phyllis Reesman - First Christian Church

Gail Klusmeyer - First Presbyterian Church

Vikki Fencil - River of Life Church

Elzan McMurry - First Christian Church

† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Russ Bradshaw - EUCC Lay Leader

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Members of EUCC

The four candles on an Advent wreath represent the 4,000 years between Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ during which mankind waited for the arrival of Jesus. Each of the 4 candles represent 1,000 years. Those 4 candles are placed on a wreath of evergreen, which is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of GOD. In our church, three purple candles, one pink representing each week in Advent are used with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ Candle, signifying perfect LOVE. A candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday during the season of Advent to signify the entrance of Christ, the light, into the world.

Donavan Davis - Evangelical United Church of Christ

FAITH - Betty Sieckmann (purple)

HOPE - Barb Holtzclaw (purple)

PEACE - Gale Boller (pink)

JOY - Nancy Casanova (purple)

LOVE - Paul Henry (White)

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY:

Sung by EUCC Choir

"Angels We Have Heard on High, O, Sing a Song, As with Gladness Men of Old, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, Good Christian Men Rejoice"

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offertory Invitation

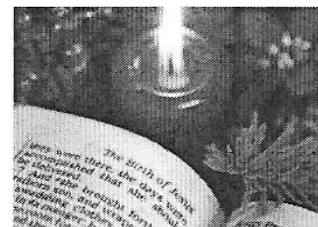
Kim Taube - Christ Episcopal Church

† Doxology

**ALL: Praise God From Whom All blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Most Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive Your deep peace.
Take from us all weariness of spirit. Use these offerings to spread the Advent
message of Faith, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to all the families of our
community. Amen.**



SPECIAL READINGS:

The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1: 18-25

Read by: Rev. Chequita Hinkle - Freedom in Christ Ministries

Song:

"Born in Bethlehem"

Rev. Larry Fencl, River of Life Church

Luke 2: 1-14

Read by: Wonda Vonderahe, Community of Christ Church

Song:

"Come and Let Us Sweetly Join" Rev. Nick Campbell - United Methodist Church

accompanied by Nancy Ward

The Visit of the Shepherds

Luke 2: 15-20

Read by: Toni Covington, Freedom in Christ Ministries

Song:

"O Holy Night"

Courtney Ray, River of Life Church

The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2: 1-12

Read by: Roger McMurry, First Christian Church

Luke 2:14

"MY CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU" Read by Chaneta Elbert, Morgan Street Baptist Church

Passing out the Light of LOVE candles. Please turn the bottom of the candle to light the bulb.

† ALL: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

† Song: ALL: “*Silent Night*” Led by Courtney Ray - River of Life Church

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy place,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

SILENT RECESSION

Please place your candles in the box on your way out.

**We invite you to join us in the Educational Bldg.
for a reception immediately following the service.**

Thank you for joining us this evening.

Wishing you a Happy and Very Blessed Christmas!

Special Thank you to everyone who participated tonight.