



**Dulin Church**  
**United Methodist**

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**December 24, 2019**  
**5:00pm**

MUSIC OF THE SEASON

"Silent Night", arr. Eckstein, Maddie Sherwood  
"Away in a Manger", arr. Faber, Louisa Sherwood  
Carter Pisocky

WELCOME

Pastor Dave

+ CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The time of waiting is over; Jesus is born!

**People: Now we light the Christ candle to remind us that all of God's gifts –  
Hope, Peace, Joy and Love – are bound in God's greatest gift,  
His Son, Jesus Christ.**

(Light the Christ candle.)

+ CAROL

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

***O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;***

***Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

***Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
(Refrain)***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray

**People:** God of joy, we come to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. Your glorious arrival is enough to cause us to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves filled with worry and doubt. God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and forgotten have gathered to celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. Give us the strength and courage to join you in the manger. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Luke 2:1-5

Will Creswick

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

***How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.***

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:6-7

Jadiel Torres

CAROL "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

***Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.***

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8-14

Muriel Anderson

+ CAROL "Angels We Have Heard On High"

***Angels, we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.***

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

***Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.***

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

CAROL "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

***While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shown around them,  
And glory shown around.***

***All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease,  
Begin and never cease.***

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Still, Still, Still

Mark Hayes

*Piano duet, Sarah Fleming, Pastor Dave*

+ OFFERING RESPONSE "Joy to the World"

***Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth, receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.***

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING AND GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome to the table. The ushers will direct you.  
Receive the bread and dip the bread into with the cup and return to your seat.*

THE FIFTH LESSON John 1:1-5

Matthew Bloss-Baum

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

+ CAROL "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 Alleluia!  
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 face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.***

***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!***

+ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CAROL "Hark the Herald Angels sing"

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconcile!  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the newborn King!"***

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leaders: the Rev. Dr. M. Davies Kirkland, the Rev. David Lough

Organist: Pastor Dave

Cantor: Linda Miller

Ushers: Bob Miller, Tom Stafford, Bill Bigler, Troy Welck

Thank you to Chuck Stratton for the outside Luminaria Lanterns

+Stand, if you are able.