

Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

December 24, 2021 +++ Christmas Eve Worship +++ 5:00 pm

Contemporary/Family-Friendly Service

Face masks are required as we gather safely for worship.

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Verses 1, 3, 6)

*Opening Scripture *Isaiah, Chapter 9:2-6*

*Opening Prayer

Lessons and Carols

Micah 5:2-5 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Reader 1
(Verses 1 & 2)

Luke 2:1-7 *What Child is This?* Reader 2
(Verses 1 & 2)

Luke 2:8-14 *Away in a Manger* Reader 3

Luke 2:15-20 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Reader 4

*Lighting the Christ Candle John 1:1-5

*Pastoral Prayer

*Silent Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Called by the Word

Message *What News Are You Listening to?* Rev. Don Mitchell
(Luke 2:8-20)

Jarvis' Good News of 2021

Video presentation

NOTE:

For Christmas offerings, baskets are placed by the rear exit and up front. We will not pass the collection plates due to COVID safe gathering protocols. Thank you.

Song of Celebration *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
(Children ring bells during the refrain. Parents will be given bells for their children upon entry.)

Holy Communion

Prayer and the Invitation to Celebrate the Sacrament
Breaking the Bread & Partaking of the Elements
Prayer after Receiving

Called to Go Forth and Witness to the World

*Service of Candlelight *Silent Night* (Please see back page.)

*Sending Forth

(In order to maintain safe distancing, the ushers will dismiss you row by row. Before leaving your seat, please extinguish your candle. Upon exiting, place your candle in the designated box and discard your communion cup and sealed bag in the trash receptacle. Thank you.)

Service of Candlelight

(Please stand. At the direction of the usher at the end of each row, please tip the **unlit** candle over to receive the flame. **The lit candles should remain upright.** Please hold your candles with care.

Children were given glow sticks and may lift their light at this time as well. After an introductory verse, the congregation will sing: *Silent Night*.

Silent Night

1. **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.**
2. **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!**
3. **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.**

Carefully lift candles as we sing the last verse.

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!**

(*All who are able, please stand.)

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