

Monticello

United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

December 24, 2021

7:00 pm

Preparation for Worship

A child cries out. New life begins, hope is born, and light shines forth for all to see.

--Mary Scifres

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

Prelude

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Arr. Carter

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Rost family

Congregation: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell. We wait in hope for peace once again. Return to us the joy of Bethlehem. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel.

Anthem

Christ Is Born...Nowell!

*Call to Worship

Rejoice and sing.

A child is born!

Sing songs of praise.

For the Prince of Peace is in our midst.

Rejoice and sing.

Christ is born! Hallelujah. Amen.

*Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 238

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 234

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, be born in our hearts this night. Shine your light into the darkness of our world, that all the earth might know your glorious presence and that all people might find hope in your love and grace. In your glorious name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Fall On Your Knees

Scripture Luke 2:1-20
Message
Special Music *O Holy Night* Kathy Brown

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives
Offertory *Christmas Chimes* Arr. Wells

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Savior, we are so grateful for your birth so many years ago, and we are so joyful to have your presence in our lives this night. In gratitude, we offer our gifts, however humble they might be. Transform our gifts with your glory and grace, that our gifts might become grace and love, and light and hope, for a world in need of you. Amen.

Holy Communion

Hymn *Silent Night* No. 239

Benediction

Shine light in the darkness.

Bring peace into our troubled world.

Proclaim hope in the midst of despair.

A child has been born to us, who is Love for the nations and Light for the world. Amen.

Postlude *Glory to God / Joy To the World* Handel-Hopson

Worship Assistants today:

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