

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, 2022

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

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!

Kathleen Gadbury, soloist

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light of Light

Choir

Voices cry out from a world in grief: prayers of those who seek relief.

End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, goodwill for all.

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

Joy to the World, Emmanuel has come.

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and grant us peace.

Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and bring us true joy.

Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and fill us with love.

Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

*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

Let There Be Light

Come and illumine our lives with Your love; come and redeem us from sin; come and embody our Maker above, make Your home within. Let there be light, let there be light; let there be hope to illumine the night. Rest for the weary, peace for each home; Maranatha; our Lord, come. Let there be light, let there be light; let a new day follow after each night. Joy in Your presence, Love of Your son, to your children quickly come. Let there be light! Come, Firstborn Light! Rescue our world from the darkness of night. You who composed the bright Morning Star's song. We Your children, bid You come! O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for You!

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Message

Special Music

O Holy Night

Kathy Brown, soloist

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

Carols of Joy

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

Tell the Good News

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers

Office Manager: Carol Wintersteen

Light of Light

Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY



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