

Worship Assistants

Organist: Gloria Cardoni
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers

Our Christmas Day Service will be available on FaceBook at 9 am on Christmas Day.

Monticello United Methodist Church

2020 E. Washington Street Monticello, IL 61856 217-762-2579
Christmas Eve 2020

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Preparation for Worship
The coming of Christ by way of a Bethlehem manger seems strange and stunning. But when we take him out of the manger and invite him into our hearts, then the meaning unfolds and the strangeness vanishes.
--Neil C. Strait

Focus Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Prelude *A Christmas Medley*

Call to Worship
Leader: A light shining in the darkness...
People: What could it be?
Leader: The sound of angels' wings...
People: What could it mean?
Leader: A baby born in a stable...
People: Who could it be?
Leader: Come to Bethlehem and see.

Special Music MUMC Kids

Hymn *Joy to the World* No. 246
1. 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.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Prayer

God of grace and God of glory, shine upon us as we reflect upon the shining light of your love. Reveal your presence here as we sing songs of the angelic chorus and hear the words of prophet of old. Through your songs and stories, remind us of your Incarnate Love, born as a tiny child named Jesus. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

MUMC Staff

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

Rejoice, a Savior is born.

A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

Message

Special Music

O Holy Night

Kathy Brown

Sharing of Our Gifts and Lives

Holy Communion

Hymn

Silent Night

No. 239

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.

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!

Benediction

Tell the world. Treasure the story. Ponder it in your heart.

We will Glorify and praise God, for all we have heard and seen!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ has come! ***Amen.***

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

