

**Mountain View
United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve 2016
5:00 pm Family Worship**

Prelude *What Child is This? with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* arr. Mary McDonald
Linda Chambers, piano

Welcome & Introduction Pastor Steven K. Warren

*Opening Carol *O Come All Ye Faithful (V. 1-3,6)* UMH #234
We are delighted that you are worshiping with us on this special evening. We invite you to sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Thank you!

*Invitation to Worship Responsive
Leader: Tonight our hearts wait for a baby, one that will bring light and love to all.
People: Let the love of Christ shine on us this night and every night!
Leader: He will grace us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.
People: His love will light the heavens!
Leader: His birth will bring us reasons to rejoice, and His life will bring us reasons to hope.
People: Let all who wander know that they are in the dark no more!
All: Christ is born and the heavens are singing!

Greetings and Passing the Peace

*Carol *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH #240

A Christmas Journey Larissa Hoffman
All children are invited to come forward to experience the Christmas story.

Advent Candle Lighting

Station 1: Mary and Joseph
Carol *It Came upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1, 4)* UMH #218

Station 2: At the Manger
Carol *Away in a Manger (v. 1, 2)* UMH #217

Station 3: The Angels Sing to the Shepherds
Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1, 3)* UMH #238

**Please stand, as you are able*

Station 4: Following the Christmas Star
Carol *Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)* UMH #246

The Offering
(The ushers will pass offering plates. Please remain in your seats. This year, the Christmas Offering will benefit Pura Vida, a local mission that serves the people of Guatemala to provide health and education, and the Trustees Fund for improvements and repairs to the Frasier Parlor section of Mountain View.)

Offertory *Joseph Dearest Joseph Mild*
Christ's Carousel Choir & Issac Hoffman, guitar

Christmas Gospel Luke 2: 1-20 Bible p. 832-3

Candle Lighting and Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*
(Parents: We will begin passing light to our neighbors. In passing the light (flame) to another, please use caution and always hold your candle upright. If your candle is not lit, tilt it toward the lit candle. As the candles are lit, we will sing "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!**
***Remain seated, and raise your candles high!*

*Benediction

The Christmas Community Scatters

Postlude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Jeff Bennett
Linda Chambers, piano Trad. French Carol

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UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Christ's Carousel Sunday School

For children age 3 - 5th grade. Children accompany their parents to worship at 10:30 am and go with teachers to Christ's Carousel at 10:45 am. Resuming January 8, we will be studying the story of Jesus walking on water

Fun Club

Parents: Drop the kids off for movies, pizza, a dance party, and crafts, while you enjoy a night out! Fun Club runs from 5:30 - 9:00 pm one Friday a month. Cost is \$5 per child/\$10 per family. Upcoming dates are: January 27, February 17, March 24, & April 21.

Vacation Bible School

Each summer our church hosts Vacation Bible School in June. VBS is open to kids ages 3 through 5th grade, and the week promises crafts, songs, games, mission opportunities, and science activities, all while learning Bible stories centering around the fact that God loves us all, no matter what. Watch the church website for information on VBS 2017.

Sunday Services

December 25: Combined carol-singing worship service at 10:30 am

January 1: Combined worship service at 10:30 am

Regular Sunday worship services resume January 8 at 8:00, 9:03 & 10:30 am

Check out Christ's Carousel on Facebook for more info:

Search for "Children and Families at Mountain View UMC" on Facebook.

Officiants: Larissa Hoffman, Pastor Steven K. Warren

Pianist: Linda Chambers

Audio/Visual: Ryan Kirkpatrick & Lee Ann Lathrop

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