

# Mountain View United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve 2016

7:00 and 9:00 pm

## A Service of Carols and Light

Prelude

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Jim Ruth, organ

Raymond Haan

\*Opening Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH #238

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The star is shining to guide our way.

Responsive

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Leader: The angels foretold of this day.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Leader: Shepherds marveled more and more,

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Leader: For You are the one we have waited for.

People: Lord Jesus, You have come!

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

7:00 pm The Godard Family

9:00 pm The Hlawatsch Family

Gift of Music

7:00 pm *You're Here* by Fancesca Battistelli

9:00 pm *For Unto Us a Child is Born* by G.F. Handel

Head for Home  
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Bible p. 555

\*Carol

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 1,3,4)

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Worship in Music

7:00 pm *Bethlehem Spiritual* by Donald Moore  
9:00 pm *Past Three O'Clock* traditional carol  
arr. Charles Wood

Spirit Singers  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Bible p. 584-5

\*Please stand, as you are able

Unison

\*Affirmation of Christmas

(Adapted from the poem *First Coming* by Madeleine L'Engle)

God did not wait till the world was ready,  
till nations were at peace.

God came when the Heavens were unsteady  
and prisoners cried out for release.

God did not wait for the perfect time.

God came when the need was deep and great.

God dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine.

God did not wait till hearts were pure.

In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame,

God came and God's Light would not go out.

God came to a world which did not mesh;

to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

In the mystery of the Word made Flesh,  
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane

to raise our songs with joyful voice,

For to share our grief, to touch our pain,

God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

\*Carol

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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Scripture Reading

John 1: 9-14

Bible p. 862

\*Carol

*He is Born*

UMH #228

Christmas Offering

*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 Fraser Parlor section of Mountain View.*

Offertory

7:00 pm *There Is Still My Joy* by Amy Ray, Emily Sailers  
9:00 pm *Coventry Carol/What Child Is This?* arr. Jay Rouse

Head for Home  
Casey Feldkamp

\*Doxology

*"Gloria" from Angels We Have Heard on High*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!* Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-38

Bible p. 831

\*Carol

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

TFWS #2098

Continued on reverse

Christmas Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

Bible p. 832-3

Meditation

"Swaddled for Now"

Pastor Sarah Merchant

Worship in Music 7:00 pm

*Ding Dong Merrily on High* arr. Jay Rouse  
Trad. French Carol  
*Still, Still, Still* arr. Sandra Gay  
Trad. Carol

Spirit Singers

9:00 pm

*Still, Still, Still* arr. Sandra Gay  
Trad. Carol

Wesley Ringers

Invitation to Candle Lighting

*(In passing the light [flame] to one another, please use caution and always hold your candle upright. If your candle is not lit, tilt it toward the lit candle. Thank you for following these safety directions. As the candles are lit, we will sing "Silent Night." On the fourth verse, we will lift our candles high. Extinguish your candle when the lights come on.)*

\*Christmas Hymn

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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Scripture

John 1: 5

Bible p. 862

\*Carol

*Joy to the World*

UMH #246

Sending Forth

Pastor Sarah Merchant

Postlude

*Joy to the World*  
Jim Ruth, organ

by Michael Dell

Officiants: Pastor Steven K. Warren, Pastor Sarah Merchant

Director of Music: Steven Burchard

Director of Head for Home: Rebecca De La Vega

Director of Spirit Singers: Katie Sakanai

Director of Wesley Ringers: Steven Burchard

Organist: Jim Ruth

Pianist: Casey Feldkamp

Audio/Visual: 7:00 pm: Bruce Thompson & Art Saltarelli

9:00 pm: Galen & Lenore Kerber

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

The  
of the  
LORD  
shall be  
revealed

*Glory*