

Worship in Music 7:00 pm *The Savior of the World is Born* Chancel Choir  
by Gustav Holst  
9:00 pm *When Love was Born* Head for Home  
by Mark Schultz

**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* UMH #239

Scripture John 1: 5 Bible p. 862

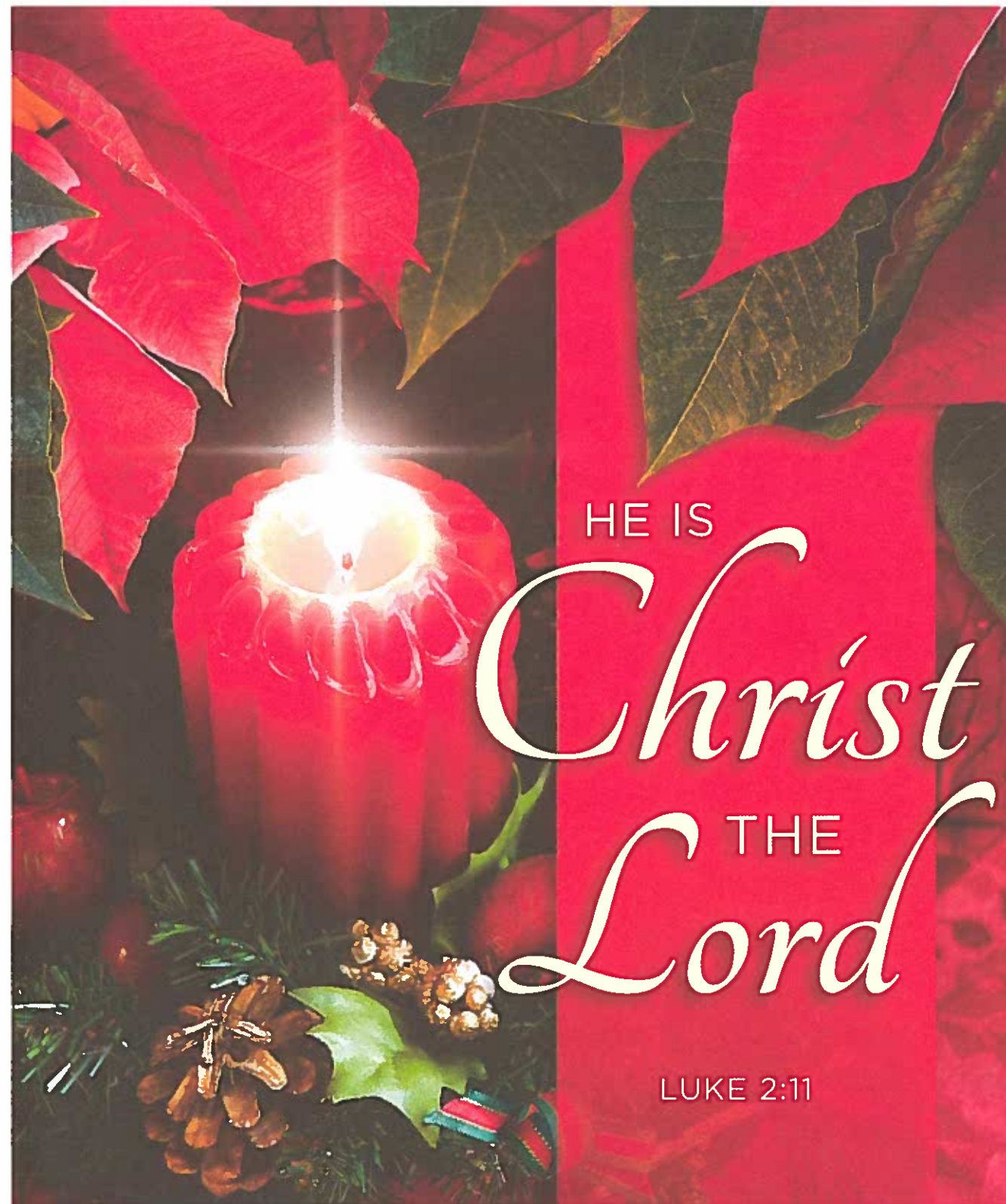
**\*Carol** *Joy to the World* UMH #246

Sending Forth

Postlude *Praeludium in D Major BWV 532* J.S. Bach  
Susan Carl, Organ

**Officiants:** Pastor Steven K. Warren, Pastor Sarah Merchant, Pastor Susie Burley  
**Director of Music, Spirit Singers, & Wesley Ringers:** Steven Burchard  
**Director of Head for Home:** Rebecca De La Vega  
**Organist:** Susan Carl  
**Pianist:** Gerry Luethi  
**Audio/Visual: 7:00 pm:** The Gygi Family  
**9:00 pm:** Bruce Thompson & Art Saltarelli

**December 31:** Combined carol-singing worship service at 10:30 am  
Regular Sunday worship services resume January 7 at 8:00, 9:03 & 10:30 am



**Mountain View  
United Methodist Church**

**Christmas Eve 2017**

**7:00 and 9:00 pm**

**A Service of Carols and Light**

*"Where there is great love there are always miracles." -- Willa Cather*

Prelude *Swiss Noel* Louis Claude Daquin  
Susan Carl, Organ

Welcome

\*Opening Carol *Once in Royal David's City* UMH #250

\*Call to Worship Responsive

Leader: Animals came to prepare your bed.  
**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**  
 Leader: Shepherds stood guard, marveled and said:  
**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**  
 Leader: Angels sang to calm your cries.  
**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**  
 Leader: And all the world gave one great sigh,  
**People: Ah, Lord Jesus, you have come!**

Lighting of the Christmas Candle  
 7:00 pm The Hlawatsch Family  
 9:00 pm The Wagner Family

Gift of Music 7:00 pm *In the Highest, Glory* by Frances Williams Chancel Choir  
9:00 pm *There Is Still My Joy* by Indigo Girls Head for Home

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7 Bible p. 555

\*Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1,3,4)* UMH #230

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

Worship in Music 7:00 pm *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Bill Ingram Wesley Ringers  
9:00 pm *See the Baby* by Lynn Bailey & Becki Mayo Spirit Singers

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42: 1-9 Bible p. 584-5

\*Affirmation of Christmas Unison  
**I believe in Christmas! I believe that God sends light into the dark corners of our lives, and then in the lonely and cold moments, God comes with a message of hope. I am a shepherd, startled to hear the Good News of the angels, but eager to go and see for myself. I am Mary, aware that somehow God is using me to accomplish things too big to imagine. I am Joseph, not understanding fully that which God calls me to do, but following as faithfully as I can. I am the innkeeper, busy and frazzled, but making room, somehow, for God to be born. I am the Wiseman, on a journey of discovery, bearing my gift to be given to glorify God. And yes, I am the angel, proclaiming through my own life the glorious Good News that God has come into the world and we shall never be the same. I believe in Christmas and with my life, I will proclaim that Christ is born, that Christmas is here, and that God is with us! Amen.**

\*Carol *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH #218

Scripture Reading Titus 2: 11-14 Bible p. 969

\*Carol *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH #229

Offering

Offertory *What Child Is This*  
Gerry Luethi, Piano

\*Doxology Refrain from *The First Noel* UMH #245  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 26-38 Bible p. 831

\*Carol *Sing We Now of Christmas (v. 1, 2, 3)* UMH #237

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

Meditation *"Suspending our Disbelief"* Pastor Steven K. Warren