

So you are welcome to kneel, if able. While kneeling, the bread will be distributed via intinction – dipping the bread into the cup.

AND CLOSING RESPONSE

“Silent Night”

Silently night, all is calm, all is bright
and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
in thy peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silently night, shepherds quake at the sight;
angels appeared, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silently night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
brightest and purest with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Christ is born, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silently night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Light the Christ candle. They will then light the ushers’ candles. Ushers will then light the candles of the persons at the center aisle in each pew. Ushers will then light the candles of the persons beside you until it arrives at the end of the pew.

WELCOME INTO THE DAY OF OUR SAVIOUR’S BIRTH

United Methodist Church

Ministers

Worship Minister: Stacey Fischer Gehring

Pastors

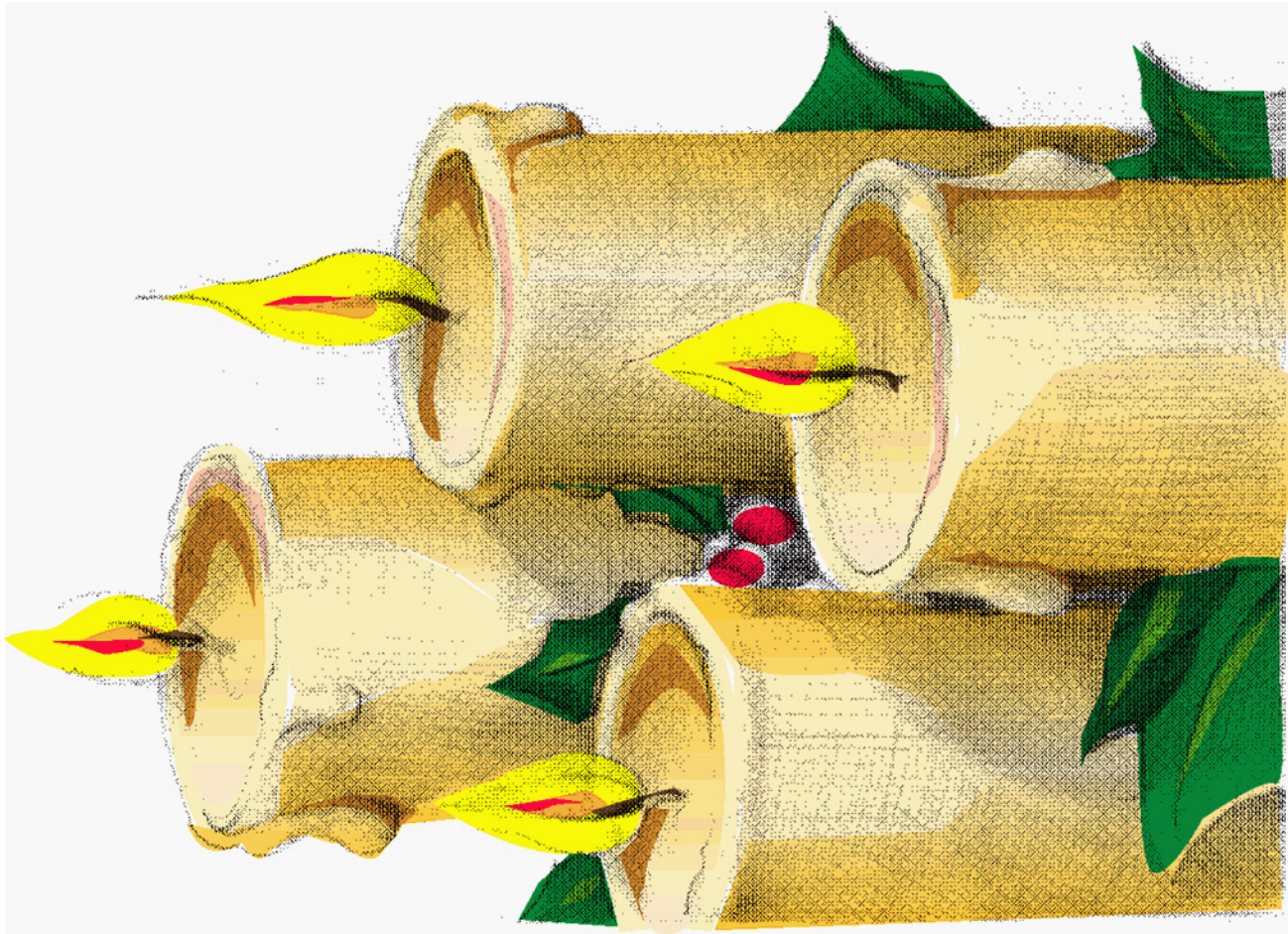
Larry Newburg Stacey Fischer Gehring

Instrumentalists

Organist: Barb Hobbs, Piano

Vocalists

Ushers: Liz Harper Jason Kelly



Christmas Eve Communion Service the Light of Christ

11:00 p.m.

Part is open wide tonight
for kin. Christ is born; give him glory!
down from heaven; receive him!
now on earth; exalt him!

*Notes when the congregation will please stand.
Standing difficult are invited to remain seated.
Lead or sung by the congregation.
Turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

...es through the streets this night!
h! God has comforted his people!
...t this thing which is come to pass.
us a son is given; and his name shall be called
ghty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of

...e came for her to deliver a child. And she gave birth to her
in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger” (Luke 2:6-7)
...sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric of years holds the
...als and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration,
...ut to greet the world.

All: Tonight we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth - regardless of circumstances – reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.

Minister: On this Christmas Eve we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know . . . He is born and nothing will ever be the same!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Light of the Stable”

-Selah

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

The congregation will remain seated as we join together in the singing of the carols.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Stanzas 1,3)

Hymn No. 230

“Sing We Now of Christmas” (Stanzas 1,2,3)

Hymn No. 237

“Away in a Manger” (Stanzas 1,3)

Hymn No. 217

PRAYER

THE OFFERING

The Offertory

“Heaven’s Child”

-Joe Lindsey

The offering this evening goes entirely to the “Bishop’s Christmas Offering” for children. The offering will be divided evenly between children’s ministries around the world and children’s ministries in Indiana.

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

(To the tune of “What Child is This”)

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sin;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

*THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal pgs. 15-16