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ISAIAH 9:6

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Service of Worship

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this evening!

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Gathering Music *O Though that Tellest* from *Messiah* Handel/Smith
A Bethlehem Lullaby - Paxton *A Christmas Rondel* - Callahan

Announcements and Celebrations

Greeting Each Other

Music for Meditation *We Three Kings* Hopkins
Bob Bowers & David Koskey, piano/organ duet

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

L: Christ is born; give him glory!

P: Christ has come down from heaven, we receive him.

L: Christ the Lord has come to earth; the new creation has come!

P: Christ has come to live in us. To God be the glory.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *O Come All Ye Faithful* #234

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Response *Open Our Eyes (in pew, refrain 2X)*

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (Pg. 638 OT)

Anthem *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Moglebust
Joyful Ringers

Prayer for Christmas Eve

L: As Christmas comes round year by year, Lord, we're tempted to say, We've heard all this before. We know the story all by heart.

P: Forgive us, Lord, and remind us of the difference between knowing it and letting it speak to us again and again.

L: Lord, help us to examine ourselves and our own attitudes by the light of the Christmas story.

P: The inn-keeper couldn't find room for you in his inn. Lord, stop us from cluttering up our lives with things that don't really

matter. Help us to not follow after things, but to pursue you with our whole heart.

L: Lord, you came into an occupied country where brutal soldiers kicked people around.

P: Lord, hear our prayers for all people who live under oppression or occupation. Grant that when we have power we would use it to establish justice so your peace can be known.

L: Lord, lots of people missed the glory of your humble entrance into the world. Thank you for revealing yourself to simple workers like the shepherds who heard your good news and told what they had seen.

P: Lord, help us so that the work we do is a place where your glory can be seen as we do it to service to you.

L: Lord, the wise seekers from the east journeyed long day, over hard miles and endured trouble to track you down.

P: Lord, you taught us that all who really seek you will find the desires of the heart met in Jesus. In times of difficulty and doubt, never let us rest until we have worked our way through to abiding in Jesus.

L: Lord, they brought you gifts of gold and frankincense.

P: Lord, keep our eyes fixed on the great goal of life, to bring you the gold of our obedience and the incense of our worship and the sacrifice of our praise, for you alone are worth. Amen

Music for Inspiration *Be Comforted, My People* Smith

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:8-20 (Pg. 58 NT)

L: This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message *Christ Has Come*

Solo *Joseph's Song* - Card David Koskey

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Noel Joyeux* Young

Doxology *As With Gladness Men of Old* Kocher

As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare. So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

#15-16

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Candle Lighting *(the ushers will pass the flame to those seated. Please keep candles with flame upright at all times.)*

Hymn *Silent Night* (v. 1,3,4) #239
with Joyful Ringers

***Closing Hymn** *Joy to the World* (v.1 & 3) #246

***Blessing** *(Please extinguish your candle. Place your candle in the containers as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.)*

***Music for Greeting Each Other** *Today in Bethlehem* Parks

***All that are able may stand**

The Poinsettias around the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by all the people listed in your bulletin. Thank you for helping to make the sanctuary beautiful this season.

Thank you to Bob Bowers for sharing his gifts at the piano in tonight's worship service.

HELPING YOU TONIGHT

Greeters: Bob & Nancy Bowers

Ushers: Scott Kaufman (Captain), Tom Griffiths, Bruce Huffman, Joe Hunt

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Rev. David L. Brinker

Director of Music Ministries: David Koskey

THIS WEEK AT FAXON-KENMAR

Friday MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday 8am Worship,
9am Sunday School
10:15am Worship