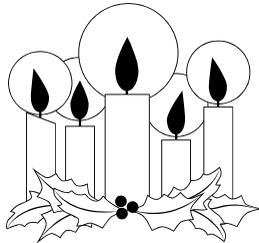




All is Calm, All is Bright

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017 6:30 PM
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHUGIAK



Christmas Eve

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

6:30 pm Candlelight Worship Service

December 24, 2017

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

** - Indicates those who are able may stand*

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

Prelude

The Rueb Family

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would bear the Holy Child.

People: He was born in Bethlehem then. We pray that he might be born again tonight in our hearts.

Leader: The angel reassured the shepherds who were frightened by the brightness of God's glory.

People: He directed them, just as he would direct us, to the gentle light shining from the manger.

Leader: A choir of angels filled the night sky with hymns of praise for God's Christmas gift.

People: We would join that song with thankful hearts. We would offer our best gifts to God's gracious Son. Amen.

***The Christmas Carol**

UMH #234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-3)

***Unison Prayer**

Holy God, come into this holy night with stars to light our way to the cradle of peace. Come with angels to sing us to a deep joy. Come to this moment and open our hearts so we may hear the familiar story new and fresh. Surprise us and remind us that the child in the manger is Immanuel -- God with us, now and always. Amen.

The Christmas Play

A Very Special Night with Stars and Angels

The Christmas Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Abby Foster

The Christmas Carol

UMH #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1-3)

The Christmas Reading

Psalms 96:10-13

Stefan Retzlaff

The Christmas Offering

"And the Stars Will Dance"

Choir

The Christmas Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Sterling Retzlaff

The Christmas Story

Rev. Tim McConville

The Christmas Choir

"All This Night My Heart Rejoices"

The Ceremony of Candle Lighting

The pastor's candle will be lit from the Christ candle, and the acolytes will light their candles from the pastor's candle.

The first person in each row will have their candle lit, and, in turn, will light the candle of the person next in the row.

Parents, PLEASE be very cautious with your child's candle! You may choose to place young children on your lap and share a candle.

The Christmas Choir

"Peace, Peace"

Caroling Together

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Choir and Congregation

UMH #239

The director will invite the congregation to sing with the choir.

Please extinguish your candle as the lights come on for the singing of "Joy to the World."

***The Christmas Carol**

UMH #246

"Joy to the World"

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

We are thankful for your presence tonight and we welcome you to join us for worship on Sunday morning at 11 am on New Year's Eve. Regular Sunday worship services are at 8:30 am (communion served), 11 am, and 6 pm.

