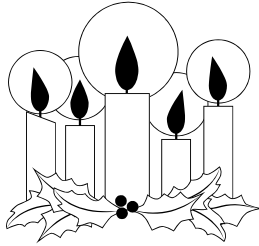




All is Calm, All is Bright

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017 8:30 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

8:30 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

Christmas Solo

“O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”
Katherine Kosterman

*Call to Worship

One: Dazzling light on a dark night.

All: Angelic songs on a silent night.

One: Wonderful news!

All: Surprising Good News.

One: The promised Messiah is born!

All: A new Prince of Peace has come.

One: Rejoice! For on this star-bright, holy night --

All: The angels still sing!

One: They bid us seek the holy in the midst of the ordinary.

All: They call us to look into the eyes of a child and see God.

One: They urge us to sing and dance all the way to Bethlehem.

All: Rejoice! For on this star-bright, holy night, the angels still sing.

***The Christmas Carol**

UMH #234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

***The Invocation**

God of angels and babies, fill the skies with light and song and fill our hearts with wonder and peace. For on this night a window to heaven opens, and we catch a glimpse of an incredible love which descends as a child. O, let the angels sing and let our hearts be softened. Let our lives be filled anew with hope and joy. God of the shepherds and stars, open us to the miracle of your love which enters the world and our lives this holy night. Amen.

The Christmas Carol

UMH #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Old Testament Scripture Reading

The Prophecy of the Messiah

Julie Foster

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Christmas Choir

"And the Stars Will Dance"

The New Testament Scripture Reading

The Fulfillment

Marsha Frederick

Luke 2:1-7

The Christmas Carol

UMH #230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1-2)

The New Testament Scripture Reading

The Shepherds and the Angels

Amy Steffian

Luke 2:8-14

The Christmas Carol

UMH #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

The New Testament Scripture Reading

Mary, Joseph, and the Baby

Sam Hall

Luke 2:15-20

The Response

UMH #219

"What Child is This" (vs. 1-2)

The Christmas Offering

Offertory

"The Advent Peace Canon"

Choir

The Christmas Prayer

Rev. Tim McConville

The Christmas Carol

UMH #238

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1 & 4)

The Christmas Choir

"O my Heart this Night Rejoices"

Extinguishing of Candles

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.*

The Reading

Sally Laird

Simeon and the Child

Luke 2:25-32

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" (vs. 1 & 4)

***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.

