

Mentor United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Worship 9:00 PM

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Prelude

“Break Forth Into Joy” *from* The Christmas Oratorio”

J. S. Bach /arr. Van Denman Thompson

Amy Bender, organist

Entrance of the Light

Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Isaiah 9)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Hymn 196

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Christ Candle
Parkinson Family

* Hymn 234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Service of Lessons and Carols

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Barb Holzhauser

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Hymn 230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Luke 2:8-14

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’””

Hymn 240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Luke 2: 15 – 16

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.”

Hymn 217

“Away in a Manger”

Luke 2:17-20

“When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Hymn 249

“There’s a Song in the Air”

Christmas Offering Emphasis

“Mary, Did You Know?”

arr.Jack Schrader

Charter Members Men’s Choir; recorded December 24, 2019

Doxology

Prayer

Message

Home for Christmas:
Jesus, at Home in Our Hearts

Rev. Sondra Snode

The Passing of the Light

Hymn 239

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Christmas Blessing

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our heart, he may save us from our sins, and
Restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator.
To whom be everlasting praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 246

“Joy to the World”

Benediction

Response

“Hallelujah!” *from Messiah* George Frederic Handel
Chancel Choir & Members of the Congregation;
recorded December 24, 2019

Postlude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Wilbur Held

* Cantors for this service are Laurie Babcock, Carrie Domonkos, Willie Dycks,
Larry Fram, and Noralee Starr.



Poinsettias 2020

Altar Guild	In appreciation of our military and their families
Altar Guild	In appreciation of our pastors and church staff
Steve & Roberta Abbey	IMO Mike and Nancy Abbey
Georgeanna Allen	IMO Cephas A. Allen
Dick & Carol Anderson	IMO Jack and Pat Anderson
Gary & Donna Bly	IMO Rex & Elizabeth Bly, Peggy David
Linda Brown	IMO Henry W. Brown III, Dr. Henry & Ruth Brown, Leslie & Rita Stuckert
Sally Carr & R. Douglas Kepp	IMO Margaret & Cecil Sprague
	IMO Dorothy & Ralph Kepp
Carrie Domonkos	IMO Patrick J. Domonkos, Sr., Bernice Miller, Richard & Elizabeth Powell, Grace & Ken Zelms
	In appreciation of Jeanne Domonkos, Bruce & Kathy Powell
Rich & Katie Elwell	IMO loved ones
	In appreciation of Carole and Patsy, Rich, Heather, and Michael
Craig & Laurie Eppler	IMO Ron and Marna Eppler, Alan and Doreen Moorman
Mike & Kathy Fellows	IMO Ray & Vonnie Watson, Bill & Vivian Fellows
	In appreciation of our children and grandsons
Michael & Christina Fournier	IMO Howard and Ruby Irish, Roland and Patricia Fournier
	IMO Hugh and Grace Allee
	In appreciation of Pastors and Staff of Mentor UMC in this difficult time
Peggy Galvan	IMO Durlley Imbler
	In appreciation of Dee Smith
Marjorie Gettig	IMO Ralph Gettig
	To the Glory of God
Joe and Judy Goetz	IMO Louis (Jim) Simer, Don Luther
Bob & Liz Grusendorf	To the Glory of God
Carol Haines	IMO Jacque Haines
Amy Hanna	IMO Charles Wm. Dykes, brother
Kurt Hinkley	IMO Linda Hinkley
	To the Glory of God
Donald & Patricia Humphrey	IMO R. Quentin and Eleanor M. Hinamon
	IMO Florence M. Humphrey, David M. Humphrey & Edgar O Humphrey
Arthur & Cheryl Iacofano	IMO Robert and Shirley Gockel,
	IMO Art and Mary Iacofano (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents)
Connie Irvin	IMO Robert Irvin, John and Edith Pelton
	In appreciation of Healthcare and Frontline workers everywhere
Ante & Debra Kardum	IMO Bill & Marjorie Wilde
Dana & Kim Ludwig	IMO Jeff Meyer, In appreciation of Gloria Meyer
Betty McArthur	IMO James McArthur
The Scott Palmer Family	IMO Our Grandmothers
Debbie Palmer	IMO departed loved ones
Nancy Posar	IMO Dear members of the Fotia and Posar families
Jan Robinson	To the Glory of God
Kitty Schirm & Family	IMO of Jay Schirm, husband and father
	IMO of William F. & Anita Romig, parents and grandparents
	IMO of Jack & Sheila Schirm, in-laws and grandparents
Denise Small	IMO Joanne Pleska, Ginnie Small, Bill Small
	In appreciation of Pastor Sondra
Barbara Temple	IMO Russell and Ruth Pletcher, Kaitlyn Eileen Temple,
	IMO Frank and Margaret Temple
Alan Vick	IMO Roy and Marian Sloan, Kenneth Sloan
Bill Wolfgang	IMO my wife, Judy, and our parents