

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2014

PRELUDE                      Music for the Christmas Season  
  (Maria Bezilla, organ;  
  Samantha Blevins and Todd Bezilla, flute duet;  
  Bell Choir)

SOLO                              “O Holy Night”                              Adam  
  (Jackie Wanstall, soloist)

OPENING PRAYER    Pastor Amy

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Let us pray: *A brief silence*

God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING    Pastors John & Amy

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL                      “Angels We Have Heard On High”                      No. 238

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                              Psalm 96                              Pastor John

L:        O sing to the Lord a new song;  
             sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
P:        **Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;**  
             **proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**  
L:        Declare the Lord’s glory among the nations,  
             the Lord’s marvelous works among all the peoples!  
P:        **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,**  
             **to be feared above all gods.**

L:        For all the gods of the peoples are idols;  
             but the Lord made the heavens.  
P:        **Honor and majesty are before the Lord**  
             **in whose sanctuary are strength and beauty.**  
L:        Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
             ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
P:        **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name!**  
             **Bring an offering, and come into the courts of the Lord!**  
L:        Worship the Lord in holy splendor;  
P:        **Tremble before the Lord, all the earth!**  
L:        Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!  
P:        **The Lord has established the world, it shall never**  
             **be moved. The Lord will judge the peoples with equity.”**  
L:        Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
             let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
             let the field exult, and everything in it!  
P:        **Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy**  
             **before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**  
             **The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,**  
             **and the peoples with his truth.**

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL                      “O Come All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1, 3, 6)                      No. 234

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE    Pastors Amy & John

RESPONSE TO THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

PEOPLE: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Isaiah 9:2-7    Pastor Amy

MY DECISION TODAY:

- ☐ I’m committing my life to Christ for the first time today.
- ☐ I want to be baptized.
- ☐ I’m renewing my commitment to Christ.
- ☐ I’d like to talk to a member of the pastoral staff.

I’D LIKE INFORMATION ON:

- ☐ Joining the Church Family
- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ SURGE Youth Group
- ☐ Music Ministry
- ☐ Hospitality Ministry
- ☐ Teaching Sunday School
- ☐ Volunteering
- ☐ Joining a Life (small) Group
- ☐ HOPE Community Church

REQUESTS OR PRAYER NEEDS:

- ☐ For Prayer Chain
- ☐ Confidential
- ☐ Listed in Bulletin

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PLEASE COMPLETE, TEAR OFF, AND  
PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR IN  
WELCOME CENTER

KEEPING IN TOUCH

☐ CHANGE MY INFORMATION

☐ ADD ME TO THE ONE CALL LIST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

S/M/D/W (Marital Status)    \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Birth Date)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/State/Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail Address)

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Children Living at this Address:

_____ Name	_____ M/F	_____ (DOB)
_____ Name	_____ M/F	_____ (DOB)
_____ Name	_____ M/F	_____ (DOB)

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First Impressions: First time visitors, let us know what you liked and where we can improve.

What I noticed first about UMCA:

What I liked best was:

What I liked least was:

ANTHEM	“Still, Still, Still” <i>(Sanctuary Choir)</i>	Luboff
OFFERTORY	“The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth” <i>(Billy Cole and Bob McClure, duet)</i>	
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 2:1-20	Pastor John
HYMN	“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”	No. 218
VIDEO		
MESSAGE	“Hope is Born”	Pastors John & Amy
HYMN	“Joy to the World”	No. 246
CAROL & LIGHTING OF CANDLES	“Silent Night”	No. 239
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Pastors John & Amy
*POSTLUDE	“From Heaven High to Earth I Come”	Pachelbel

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.  
\*\*Please remain standing until the pastors walk to the front doors of the church

