

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 2017
7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Carol # 139 Hark the herald angels sing

Sunday School Christmas Presentation

Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Carol # 165 O little town of Bethlehem

The Christmas Story

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Anthem We sing the song of Christmas

Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music by Lloyd Larson

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-4

Carol # 138 While shepherds watched their flocks

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus Matthew 1:18-23

Solo: Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending Ben Furey

The shepherds go to the manger Luke 2:8-16

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus Matthew 2:1-11

Carol # 136 The first nowell

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

John 1:1-14

Reflection Story The story of God's love

Carol # 154 Silent night

Prayer (in unison)

As you came to us in love as the Christ child at Bethlehem, so we come to you with love and concern for the world in this time of prayer.

In this time of quiet and contemplation, we remember:

- families that live close to the edge of society and that worry about where their next meal and next place of shelter will come from;

- those who will spend this holy time alone, in hospital, and in grief;
- those who will work during the Christmas time while we relax;
- those who have do not feel a sense of joy or wonder and have their vision clouded by cynicism and darkness;
- those who celebrate the birth of a new life, a new love, or a new sense of faith, and a new way of being in life;
- those who we have loved and who loved us, who now abide in the eternal joy of your heavenly peace and presence;
- In deep gratitude for all the gifts of this life, we gather our voices and pray the prayer that the child of Bethlehem taught us: Our Father...

Offering

Offertory

Anthem A song in the air with "Away in a manger"

The text "There's a song in the air" by Josiah g. Holland

Music by Joe Raney

Doxology # 145

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What can I give Him, poor as I am,

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part,

Yet, what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

Carol # 153 Joy to the world

Benediction & Choral Amen

We welcome everyone to this Christmas Eve Service and pray that this may be a special time for all. Special thanks to our Sunday School and their teaches for their involvement in the service this evening.

The Bulletin tonight is in loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather Jack MacDonald from wife Dorothy, Lori, Doug, Riley, Hyler, Corene, Emma, and Sadie.

Memorials

Gifts to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of parents Georgie & Walter Mudge from Janice Mudge
- In memory of our parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen and Annie & Dave Robertson from Linda & Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Duncan & Bertha MacAulay from Kollin, Tammy and Leah

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Parents Murray and Carrie Morrison and brother David Morrison from Marie Hill and Family.
- In memory of Husband Walter Hardy, Father and Mother-in-Law Glendon and Jessie Hardy, from Kathy Hardy.
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Kathy Hardy.
- In memory of our parents from Rod and Judy Munroe.