



Federated Church

Where individual belief and a vibrant faith community meet.

December 24, 2018



Christmas Eve Service – Federated Church

Carols, Candles and Communion

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7:00 pm

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” - Isaiah 9:6

Prelude		Gary Tyner
Call to Worship		Rev. John Williams
Hymn for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath		#244, vs. 1
	<i>“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Shen Family
Hymn for the Advent Wreath		# 244, vs. 2
	<i>“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”</i>	
Invocation		Rev. Williams
Hymn of Hope		#249, vs. 1
	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	
A Reading		Cherilyn & John Williams
Scripture lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Rev. Williams
Hymn of Peace		#251, vs. 1
	<i>“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”</i>	
A Reading		Cherilyn Williams
Scripture lesson	Luke 2:8-14	Cherilyn Williams
Hymn of Peace	(Children come forward as hymn is sung)	#251, vs. 4
	<i>“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”</i>	
Children’s Message		Susan Thomas
Special Music		Sara Tyner
	<i>“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”</i>	
	by Amy Grant & Chris Eaton	

A Reading		Cherilyn Williams
Scripture lesson	Luke 2:15-20	Cherilyn Williams
Special Music	<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	Jayne Parker
A Prayer for Christmas		John Williams
Special Music		Sara Tyner, Barb Tyner
	<i>"Were You There on That Christmas Night"</i> by Natalie Sleeth	
Message	"Living IN the Story"	Rev. Williams
The Gift of Holy Communion		
Hymn of Preparation	<i>"Love Has Come"</i>	#256, vs. 1
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Williams
Act of Holy Communion		Barb Tyner, Susan Thomas Cherilyn Williams, John Williams

All who believe that Jesus is the Christ are invited to come to the center aisle to one of the two stations to receive the Bread and the Cup. Take a wafer and dip in the Cup. Then, go down the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and communion will be brought to you. While communion is served, please sing the following hymns:

<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	#278, vs. 1
<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	#270, vs. 1 & 4
<i>"What Child Is This?"</i>	#281, vs. 1 & 2
<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	#285, vs. 1
<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	#278, vs. 3

Christ's Light Going into the World	Rev. Williams
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As we sing "Silent Night," the Light of Christ will be passed to those at the center aisle. After your candle is lit, hold your candle upright and let the person next to you tilt their

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candle into the flame of yours. Please assist the children. At the end of the verses, please hum the hymn.

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild.*

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;*

Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior, is born!

*Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Benediction

Rev. Williams

Postlude

Gary Tyner

Please join us for fellowship in Trimmer Hall!

If you purchased a Poinsettia, please take it with you following the service.

There are offering baskets located in the Narthex if you would like to make a special gift to Federated Church. Your generosity is a true blessing.

Christmas blessings to all!