

Shavertown

United Methodist Church
December 27th, 2020
Christmas Day
Christmas through the Carols

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Greetings! May the Holy Spirit touch each of our hearts during worship.
Thank you for your presence!

WELCOME

Centering Meditation:
"He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word."
Hebrews 1: 3

PRELUDE

Voluntary on Two Carols

David Kidwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Oberst

Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!
Happy Christmas to you also!
Christ our Savior is born.
God's Light is poured into the world.
O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.
Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#89

OPENING PRAYER

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son Jesus Christ around our lives. The light of your love through him is shining brightly. It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of Holy Scripture through the beautiful carols of Christmas. Amen.

Longing for the Messiah – the Promised One

Rich Oley

Narrator: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel", which is translated, "God With Us".

HYMN Lo! How A Rose E're Blooming #216

Mary and Joseph-- Chosen by God

A Reading from Matthew 1:18-22

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the LORD had said through the prophet:

HYMN Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #229

Children's Time: Rebecca Oley
Read "The Legend of the Candy Cane" Storybook by Lori Walburg
Sing Away In A Manger #217

That Night in Bethlehem Emma Oley

A Reading from Luke 2: 8-20

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them

HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240

CALL TO OFFERING

Nancy Evans

DOXOLOGY

#94

SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRATING

Matthew Oley

Narrator: As the stars lit a stage that had been set from the foundation of the world, shepherds stood breathless in their fields and watched in unspeakable awe and bewilderment as angels ran from sky to sky trumpeting the magnificent glories of an awesome God. Of all the nights that had ever been or would ever be, this was the night that would change the world and change history forever!

HYMN

Joy to the World

246

Rich Oley

Narrator: God calls us to do the most natural thing in the world—to spread the news about something wonderful that we have found. That wonderful thing, of course, is the birth of the Christ child.

Rebecca Oley

HYMN

Go Tell It On The Mountain

#251

Narrator: Now, as we say good-bye to the year 2020, let us remember the words of encouragement from Phillipians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#431

Benediction

Matthew Oley

Go now and share the joy of God’s love with all that you meet.

Remember that God is with you in all you do.

Rejoice, dear people, for God’s Light has come for the whole world. Go in peace and may God’s glorious peace always go with you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Postlude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High