

CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME!

\* OPENING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

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*Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart  
prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods  
rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love;  
and wonders of His love;  
and wonders, wonders of His love.*

Rev. Penny Ford

\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Bert McLelland

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS HYMN REQUESTS

We will sing the first verse of Christmas hymns as requested by the congregation  
(Hint- look at pages 216-254)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Blessing of the Toys

*Children are invited to bring a toy with them as we bless the toys and pray for our children.  
We also have children's bulletins and crayons available for the kids.  
All children and infants will stay in the service today.*

OFFERTORY

—Special Music by Melanie O'Rear

\*DOXOLOGY (to the tune of The First Noel)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20 George Rodgers, Colin Reeves & Jamieson Ford

DEVOTIONAL

"A Baby Changes Everything"

Rev. Penny Ford, Vivian & Kaitlyn

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES AS WE SING SILENT NIGHT

*You are invited to make a circle around the sanctuary  
as we light a candle to celebrate the birth of Jesus!*

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night,  
wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

HOLIDAY CHURCH HOURS

During the holiday season the church office will be closed  
Wednesday, December 21 - Monday, December 26.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Will not meet again until school starts back.