

Faith United Methodist Church

December 24, 2017

9:00 a.m.

The asterisk(*) indicates those times in worship when those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

We're traveling to Bethlehem

To ponder the promise of the prophet.

We're traveling to Bethlehem

To sing the carol of the angels.

We're traveling to Bethlehem

To greet the Savior of the world.

*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224

*OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, in you the desolate find comfort; the broken, healing; the hungry and thirsty, sustenance. You come to us, whatever our need, and pour your love and power into our hearts. Christ our Savior, may you find in us the welcome of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds' wonder and the angels' praise. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC Faith Choir

THE PROPHET SPEAKS Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: "Love"

HYMN "Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy" UMH 235

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYERS

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2: 1-7

HYMN "He is Born" UMH 228

THE ANNOUNCEMENT and ADORATION Luke 2: 8-20

* HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234 v. 1, 3, 4, 6

MESSAGE "Great Joy"

RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY UMH 238 Refrain "Gloria"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, enable us, with our earthly gifts, to give you the love of our hearts and the service of our lives, in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Have a blessed Christmas!

You are invited later today for any of our parish candlelight services:

- 4 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service in Spring Valley
- 6 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service in Fountain.
- 8 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service in Cherry Grove.

Faith U.M. Church is very close to being able to fulfill our financial commitments for the year including the payment of conference apportionments. Thank you for your gifts which have made this possible, and, if you can, please help to put us “over the top.”

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER –This annual event is held at noon on Christmas Day at Faith UMC and sponsored by the Spring Valley Area Ministerial and open to all. If you need transportation to or want a meal delivered call 346-7153 for the kitchen at Faith UMC on Christmas Day.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – December 17th

Year to date budget	\$189,746.04
Year to date giving	\$168,314.60
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 4,105.00
Attendance	227

