

# Waupun United Methodist Church

## December 24, 2019 4:30 PM

Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

### Advent Wreath Meditation

Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" vs. 1 Red #196

Reader 1: God, you have shined your light upon your people, the light of peace, justice, and righteousness.

Reader 2: God, we listen to the story of Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels, and join in celebrating the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world.

**All: We, God's people, welcome the arrival of the Christ child, Son of God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Reader 1 and/or 2: On this Christmas Eve, we light this Christ candle acknowledging light has come into the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

*Light the white Christ candle.*

Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" vs. 1 Red #196

### \*Call to Worship

Come! Hear the news of great joy!

**A child is born to us this night!**

Great joy for all people of the earth.

**A child is born to us this night!**

A Savior, the Messiah, the Lord!

**Glory to God in the highest!**

\*CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-4 Red No. 234

Message for Children

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1-2 No. 216

Second Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

**2** At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

Carol "Away In a Manger" Red No. 217

**6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Music for Meditation "Let Him In" McLean

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Choir Anthem "The Cradle Rocks in Glory!"  
Besig/Price

The Message for Christmas Eve

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE – "Angels, We Have Heard on High" Red #238**  
(Chorus only)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Celebration at the Lord's Table**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Carol "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2 & 4 Red No. 246**

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14

**\*Candlelight Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 239**

\*Blessing

Postlude

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