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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve 7p

December 24, 2021

Prelude "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Opening Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH No. 234

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Piehl Family

A Candle is Burning

A Candle is burning, a candle of Birth

A Candle to signal the Light of the earth.

The Savior is born, we rejoice in God's gift,

And invite Him inside us as our hearts we lift.

*Call to Worship

Leader: An unmarried teenage girl was invited -

People: To carry Christ into this world.

Leader: An ordinary carpenter was invited -

People: To be a father to a child unlike any other.

Leader: The shepherds were invited -

People: Outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

Leader: The Magi were invited -

People: Foreigners and seekers were included at the manger.

Leader: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited -

People: Then we can trust that we too are invited.

Leader: This story is for us.

People: This love is for us.

Leader: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

People: Amen.

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, we've heard this story a million times – Mary and Joseph, the angels the shepherds. We've heard it a million

times, but we want to hear it like it's the first time. So move among us. Circle back. Draw close. Crack open our hearts and fill them with your goodness. Help us to hear what it is you might be saying to us with curiosity, joy, and hope. This is an invitation. Come be here with us. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH No. 230

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 2: 1-20

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Dave Piehl

Message

Pastor Jane Piehl

Offertory

*Offertory Prayer

Special Music "O Holy Night" Solo by: Lindsay Kasmer

Thanksgiving and Communion

UMH No. 12

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*The Passing of the Light

*Hymn "Silent Night"

UMH No. 239

While passing the light, please hold the lit candle while the person with the unlit candle lights their's from the lit candle.

Dismissal

Pastor: Christ the Savior is born. Go and spread the good news everywhere!

People: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

*Hymn "Joy to the World" (vs. 1, 4) UMH No. 246

Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus (from the "Messiah")

By: George Frideric Handel

*Indicates congregation to stand.

Jane Piehl	Pastor
Millie Frambaugh	Music Director, Pianist
Bill Baldwin, Dave Lahoski	Ushers
Randy Raw, Paul Turner	
MayKenzie, Danielle, Chad Lahoski	Acolytes

Special Thanks to Lindsay Kasmer for providing special music this evening.

Join us for our regular Sunday Services at 10:30am.
This Sunday we'll have a service of carols and next Sunday the Wesleyan Covenant Service.

