



WEST SIDE

united methodist church

December 24, 2016

9:00 pm

Christmas Eve

**Connecting people with the love and life of Jesus Christ
by building up the next generations of Christians**

A Celebration of God's Grace and Good News!

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Music for Preparation	<i>Prelude on Greensleeves</i>	Searle Wright
	<i>Tema con variazione per la Notte di Natale</i> <i>(Theme and Variations for Christmas Eve)</i>	Marius Monnikendam
	<i>Den die Hirten lobten sebre</i> <i>(He whom the shepherds praised)</i>	Helmut Walcha
	<i>In dulci jubilo (In sweet rejoicing)</i>	Marcel Dupré

- ENTRANCE -

*Opening Hymn	<i>Hark! the herald angels sing, Hymn 240</i>	MENDELSSOHN
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Advent Reading		Portice Family
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Welcome

- PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE -

Psalm	Psalm 85:8-13	George Martin
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Gradual Hymn	<i>The first Nowell (insert)</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
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Message	Christmas One: A Jesus Story // Today	
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Offertory Prayer **Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings and tithes. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light. Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. Let the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise. Amen.** Luke 2:1-14 —D. S. Bell

Offertory	<i>God rest you merry, gentlemen</i>	English trad., arr. Mark Sirett
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*Doxology	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow - Hymn 95</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
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- HOLY COMMUNION -

Communion setting: Missa "Ad Praesepe" (Communion at the Manger)
George Malcolm

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal pg. 9

Sanctus	Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
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Prayer of Consecration Hymnal pg. 9

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Music for Communion	<i>Motet: Away in a manger</i>	Craig Phillips
	<i>Hymn 229: Infant holy, infant lowly</i>	W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- SENDING FORTH -

*Sharing the Light	<i>Silent night - Hymn 239</i>	STILLE NACHT
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*Closing Carol	<i>Joy to the world - Hymn 246</i>	ANTIOCH
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***Blessing**

*Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, op. 99, no. 3</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns
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*Please stand as you are able

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The first Nowell



ALL **T**he first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

WOMEN 2 They lookèd up and saw the star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Refrain

TRIO 3 And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain

CHOIR 4 This star drew night to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

SCHOLA 5 Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Refrain

ALL 6 Then let us with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly LORD,
That hath made heav'n and earth
of naught,
And with his blood mankind
hath bought.
Refrain

Text: English trad.
Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English trad.
harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871
st. 5, arr. Aaron Tan, 2016
st. 6, arr. David Willcocks, 1961

Altar Christmas Poinsettias
and
House by the Side of the Road donations
given by

Spencer & Susan Ankeney

In memory of daughter Linda

Carol & Jim Currie

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Janet & Alice Holbrook

In memory of Bruce Holbrook

Julia Huffman

*In memory of my grandparents, Jim &
Marcella Hagy*

Duane & Marilyn Kirking

In memory of our parents

Mike & Margie Rudd

Peace and Justice for all

Ruth LaCoe

Our Savior is Born

Burt & Sally Lamkin

In Celebration

Doris Melvin

In memory of John Melvin

Mike & Margie Rudd

Peace and Justice for all

Janet Schilhaneck

Prayers for a peaceful 2017

Darlene Smith

In loving memory of Gene

John & Jennie Stinson

*In honor of Jennie's mother Nancy Lee and in
memory of Norris Lee, Muriel Stinson and
Lawrence Stinson, beloved parents*

Max & Sue Supica

*Grateful for our family and remembering those
who have passed*

Carol Virgne

A joyful Christmas to all!

Doug & Sue Weber

*In memory of Don & Marie Olsen &
Roy E Weber. In honor of Carol Weber*



Merry Christmas, RefuJesus

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him.” Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt.

++ Matthew 2:13-14, CEB ++

The second chapter of the gospel of Matthew begins with Jesus’ birth almost as an afterthought. Herod is mentioned more frequently in this chapter than the one who has been born to free all of creation from sin and death. When crises occur, the one(s) perpetuating evil become the center of the story. So even though we are celebrating birth, the gospels remind us—far too quickly for my taste—of events that foster fear, mistrust, death and homelessness.

Herod’s actions lead to Jesus and his family becoming refugees. The actions (or inaction) of Joseph’s hometown brethren are unable to provide the aid which they seek. There was no room at the inn. They were turned away. Then, they had to flee. (I know I’ve brought in Luke’s gospel, too.)

West Side United Methodist Church understands the importance of community. We live it out. When those in our midst are struggling just to make ends meet, the church will receive a call for help. And so, we help. We connect folks with important resources within our area. Whenever we can, we also provide money directly to phone companies or landlords or energy companies or grocery stores or gas stations through our “Pastor’s Emergency” designated fund.

This year, we have been able to help many folks who have knocked on the door of our inn. In fact, this fund has now been depleted. This is, actually, a good thing—something to be celebrated! We have given money that has been designated to help out folks in emergency situations. Because we are a generous, helpful congregation, one half of our Christmas Eve offering will go to ensuring that we can help out our neighbors in real and tangible ways throughout the coming year. Thank you for your generosity and care.

Our international refugee crisis is a little more difficult for us to get our hands around. It is in times like this that we can all be thankful for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This part of our worldwide connection is able to pass along 100% of our donations to the areas of the world which are most affected. “The goals of the Global Refugee/Migration Crisis Advance #3022144 are to:

1. Support partner churches, organizations, and communities that are providing alternative possibilities for survival, directly in relation to the communities that are fleeing. (Right to Stay)

2. Provide protection and access to communication, as well as food, water, and shelter along the traveled routes. (Safe Passage)
3. Provide emergency assistance to communities overwhelmed by an influx of refugees and migrants, and provide support for welcoming and integrating the newcomers. (Welcoming and Belonging)
4. Provide assistance and support to those who have been returned or deported to their countries of origin, so that they may reintegrate with dignity. (Support for the Returned).” (UMCOR.org) The other half of our Christmas Eve offering will be given to this mission.

Christmas provides us with many memorable moments of joy amid wrapping paper and delicious food and, of course, family. May we remember those families who are apart this year. May we remember those families who have been displaced this year—even in the midst of our celebratory frivolity. And may we remember the refugee Jesus who calls us to be light in order to ensure that evil, injustice, oppression and the Herods of today never have the final word—which we learn can be hope or love or joy or peace.

In Faith,

Pastor Tim

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

*Join us again for
Worship During your Holiday Break!*

**Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 25
10:30 am (pajamas!)**

**New Years Day Worship Service
Sunday, January 1
10:30 am**

