

*HYMN 132 "Silent Night, Holy Night" Stille Nacht

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!

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.

*BENEDICTION *Meister Eckhart*
(Please extinguish all candles at this time)

*POSTLUDE



Please join us again...

Each Sunday morning we gather for worship at
8:30am and 11:00am.
Church School begins again on
January 10 at 9:45am.

Evangelical United Church of Christ
204 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri
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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2009

11:00pm

OUR GATHERING

PRELUDE Instrumental Ensemble

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 135 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O Come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest;

Refrain:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

*CALL TO WORSHIP "Incarnation"
Penelope Duckworth



"O Holy Night" by Jan Oliver
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OUR STORY IN LESSON AND CAROL

CAROL "Glory to God in the Highest" Pergolesi
Chancel Choir

SACRED TEXT Luke 1: 39-55
Janet Morley

CAROL "Sussex Carol" arr. Drennan
Chancel Choir

SACRED TEXT Luke 2:1-14

CAROL "All is Well" Smith, Kirpatrick
Chancel Choir

CONTEMPORARY WORD
"Amazing Peace" Maya Angelou

HYMN 131 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Carol
**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
great news of joy we bring."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!**

**For lo!, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

OUR SHARING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Janet Morley

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*The congregation is invited to come forward
taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup,
placing an offering in the plates beside the table,
and returning to the pews by the side aisles.*

*COMMUNION CAROLS

148 "What Child Is This" Greensleeves
**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this, the angels sing,
is Christ, God's holy offering;
Haste, haste your praise to bring
the babe, the child of Mary!**

**Bring gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, join in jubilation;
The Holy Child, though meek and mild,
has come with God's salvation.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the mother sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the child of Mary!**

125 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Gloria
**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
God, our world now entering.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

132 "Joy to the World!" Antioch
**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.**

**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, and wonders of His love.**

*SHARING THE LIGHT

*The light of the Christ candle will be passed from the center aisle.
The lighted candles should always be held upright
while the unlit candles are dipped to the flame.*