

Notes:

Central

United Methodist Church

Everlasting Light

The Promise of Christmas

2019

Christmas Cantata

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Special Upcoming Services
12/24/19 Candlelight Communion
Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

(12/8) 8:45 Service.....65 10:50am Service.....68

Operating Fund

Contributions 12/8 \$15,313.30
2019 Year-to-date
Contributions \$ 388,767.09

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 12/8 \$0.00
2019 Year-to-date
Contributions \$8,305.06

USHERS:

Clyde Kerns
Joe Patterson

GREETERS:

MaryWade Smith

Worship Leaders

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn
The Chancel Choir
Director of Music, Carlos Zamora
Organist/Accompanist, Doug Parker
Acolyte

Additional Church Staff

Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, Gene Bragg
Hand Bell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams
Administrative Assistant, Candy Love

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
DECEMBER 15, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

What Child Is This?.....ENGLISH MELODY/ARR. LOVELACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, have you heard? Do you see?
We see a world made new, a world of justice and peace.
Children of God, whom do you see?
We see the Christ-child, bringing light into our darkness.
Savior! Prince of peace! God-with-us!
With this child, we welcome God's light.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 245

The First Noel..... THE FIRST NOEL

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, The Apostles' Creed, No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI, No. 71.....GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEELI & RUBY OSBORNE, KALIN & MELISSA BROOKS

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, No. 895

UNISON

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.

THE GIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming.....GERMAN CAROL/ARR. LARSON

*THE DOXOLOGY, No. 94.....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

EVERLASTING LIGHT: THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, Larry Shackley
Tom Bennett, Narrator

1. Everlasting Light
2. He Is The Light
3. Longing for the Light
4. My Soul Proclaims
5. Bethlehem, O Bethlehem
6. Shepherd and Angels
7. This Child of Light
8. This Is Christ the King
9. Everlasting Light

*HYMN, No. 246

Joy to the World vs. 1-3.....ANITTOCH

*THE BENEDICTION

*SENDING THE LIGHT

THE ACOLYTE

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE, No. 246

Joy to the World vs. 4.....ANITTOCH

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, wonders of his love.

*POSTLUDE

Sussex Carol.....English Melody/arr. Fedak

* Those who are able are invited to stand.