

PRELUDE (6:45 p.m.) Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet

*Ave Maria*

K. Memley  
Voices in Accord

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace, God is with you. Blessed are you among women.*  
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.  
*Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

WELCOME Amy Sell

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing to God a new song! Sing to God, all the earth!

**People: Share the news of God's saving work this night!**

Leader: The Lord is coming to establish justice on the earth!

**People: The Lord will establish justice among all peoples!**

\*OPENING CAROL #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 1-3

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Dana, Tim and Reese Williams

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

You have increased our joy  
by sending us the Wonderful Counselor,  
the Prince of Peace.  
Born of Mary,  
proclaimed to the shepherds  
and acknowledged to the ends of the earth,  
your Son destroys our darkness and sets us free.

**People: Glory to you, O God,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
in the radiance of your Spirit,  
this night and forever more. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 4

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Amy Sell

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 600  
Eric Galloway

CAROL #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* v. 1-3

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 202  
Kathleen Custer

ANTHEM *Can You See the Light in Bethlehem?* Graham/Angerman

Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem.  
Can you see the light at the coming of dawn? I see a star is rising over Bethlehem.  
Oh can you see the light now that shadows are gone? I see a star is rising over Bethlehem.  
*Can you see the light that dances on high like a silver flame, a sign of hope in the sky;  
like a candle burning in the dark of night? A star is rising over Bethlehem.*  
Oh can you see the light of the candle of peace? A star is rising over Bethlehem.  
Oh can you see the glory of the star in the east? A star is rising over Bethlehem.  
*Refrain*  
There's a star in the sky shining bright as day. Rise up, shepherd and follow.  
It will lead to the place where the Savior lay. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 54  
Ronnie Bell

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION *Incarnated Sounds* Darren Cushman Wood

\*CAROL #238 *Angels We Have Heard on High* v. 1, 3- 4

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE Darren Cushman Wood

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: The grace of God has appeared in Jesus Christ,  
bringing salvation to all people.  
Therefore, let us prepare to meet Christ at the table  
by confessing our sin to God and one another:

**People: We confess, O God, the many ways  
we have worked against your will  
and indulged the desires of this world.  
We have not waited for your blessed hope,  
but have settled for lesser visions.  
Forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us  
with hearts eager to do good.**

Leader: Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ  
gave himself for us  
in order to rescue us from all wickedness.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: As a forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer one another the sign of peace.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Ronnie Bell  
*Your contribution will help to support the Bishop's Christmas Offering and  
North Church's Bread & Bowl and the Farmers' Market ministries.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
arr. A. Frackenhohl  
Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet

\*DOXOLOGY

*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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Darren Cushman Wood

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

....And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly choir  
we join in the unending hymn of praise:

(Tune: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*)

*Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lörd, God of pow'r and might a-dor'd.  
Heav'n and eärth shine this night with the glo-ry of your light.  
Loud Ho-san-nas now we sing, in the high-est may they ring.  
Blest is your A-noin-ted One, Christ, E-mman-u-el, your Son.  
Sing Ho-san-na at his birth! Glo-ry on high, and peace on earth!*

....Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me:

(Tune: *Once in Royal David's City*)

*Dy-ing Christ deströyed öur dëath.*

*Ri-sing Christ restöres öur life.*

*Christ will come agäin in glo-ry,  
bring-ing us the gift of new life.*

*Christ has died, and Christ is ris-en,  
com-ing still, he ö-pëns heaven.*

....Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all honor and glory be given to you, Almighty Father,  
throughout all ages:

(Tune: *Silent Night*)

*Ä-men. Grä-cious Lord,  
Source of Life, Li-ving Word,  
Mo-ther-Fä-ther, änd the Son,  
and the Spi-rit, thrëe in one:  
praise and glo-ry be yöurs,  
now and for-ev-er. Amen.*

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church.*

*Please come forward by the aisle on your right and return by the aisle on your left.  
You may receive the elements at one of the stations, where you may dip the bread into  
the cup. You may remain in prayer at the prayer rail. If you are unable to come  
forward and wish to be served in the pew, please indicate your desire to an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM *All Praise to Thee* E. Hagenberg

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,  
dost take a wager for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.  
Alleluia. Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the  
light, to make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee  
shine. Alleluia. A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee  
may rest; Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heaven from  
earth. Alleluia. Amen.

COMMUNION CAROLS

*Please join in singing the following carols until all persons have been served.*

- #219 *What Child Is This*
- #249 *There's a Song in the Air*
- #218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*The acolytes will share the light of Christ with you. Please tip  
individual candles to the lighted candle brought to you, then hold your  
candle upright as you pass the light to the person next to you.*

CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*(Please remain seated for Silent Night. The Choir will sing the first verse.  
The congregation and choir will sing the remaining verses.)*

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 a-far, heavenly hosts sing  
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.***

***Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!***

\*PROCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Ronnie Bell

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**People: The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**People: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

\*CAROL #246 *Joy to the World*

***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, wonders of his  
love.***

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING Darren Cushman Wood

*Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat  
and place in a basket by the exits.*

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* arr. D. Lasky  
Heather Hinton

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to make an online donation  
for today's special offering. Choose "2016 Christmas Giving" under  
"Payment To." Below is the description of the offerings supported  
by tonight's donations.



You may also place your donation in the offering plate during the Offertory.

**The offering tonight is dedicated to supporting:**

- Farmers' Market - has served the community for 16 years; features local produce and vendors
- Bread & Bowl - has served the community for over 25 years and feeds people every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Bishop's Offering - funds ministries that support at-risk children in Indiana and around the world: church camp scholarships, Indiana's three United Methodist-related children and youth homes and advances special projects for children around the world

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**Christmas Eve  
Celebration of Carols,  
Holy Communion, and Candlelighting  
December 24, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

*North United Methodist Church is an open, inclusive,  
and welcoming church. We affirm that through God's  
redeeming love, all are one in Christ.  
YOU are welcome at North.*