

PRELUDE Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet

Ding Dong, Merrily on High arr. C. Alwes
Voices in Accord

WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
**People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day!**

Leader: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*OPENING CAROL #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 1-4

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Schilling Family
Leader: Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift.
People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we hear again the good news that was given for all
people.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Leader: Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Leader: Tonight we welcome the Savior whose birth has
changed our lives.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Congregational Refrain: *God is Near* arr. J. Raney

*Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of glory,
your splendor rises from a manger in Bethlehem
into the darkness of human night.
Open our ears to hear the hope of Christ
in the reading of the scriptures,
and open our eyes to see the love of Christ
in the shadows of your world
so that we, like him, may become
echoes of peace and beacons of justice. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 600
Kathleen Custer

CAROL #218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 202
Eric Galloway

ANTHEM *And He Shall Purify* G.F. Handel
from *Messiah* Voices in Accord

And he shall purify the sons of Levi,
that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 54
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Ronnie Bell

*CAROL #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON #890

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 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 *A Communion Hymn for Christmas* T. Fette
 Gathered 'round Your table on this holy eve, viewing Bethlehem's stable, we rejoice and grieve. Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed; weep to see You dying in our sinful stead. Prince of Glory, gracing heaven ere time began, now for us embracing death as Son of Man. By your birth so lowly, by Your love so true, by Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You! With infinite wonder, we, Your body take, laid in a manger, broken for our sake. With hushed adoration, we approach the cup; Bethlehem's pure oblation freely offered up. Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame, how shall sinners render praises due Your name? Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring. In Your ransomed treasure, reign forever King.

COMMUNION CAROLS

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

- #219 *What Child Is This* v. 1-2
- #249 *There's a Song in the Air* v. 1-2
- #216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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

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

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

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. K. Langlois
 Heather Hinton

The offering tonight is dedicated to supporting:

- Farmers Market – has served the community for over 15 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.

Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet:

Nick & Cheri Brightman, Kathy Spangler & Karl Hartman

**Sunday, December 30, 2018
 One Service, 11 a.m.**

First Sunday after Christmas
Ronnie Bell, preaching



**Christmas Eve
 Celebration of Carols,
 Holy Communion and Candle Lighting
 December 24, 2018
 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.*