



O come, little children, O come, one and all

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2017, 4:00 PM

PRELUDE..... *Dr. Bill Wharton*
 “Christmas Reflection” *Helman*

GREETING

There’s a song in the air. Will you sing it?

Let us sing to the Lord a new song.

There’s a star in the sky. Will you follow it?

Let us abandon our darkness and embrace the light.

There’s a mother’s deep prayer. Will you breathe it?

Let us repent of our shallowness and ponder his coming.

And a baby’s low cry. Will you adore him?

Let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ!

OPENING SONG *“There’s a Song in the Air”* *page 249*

OPENING PRAYER

THE GLORIA (*Hymn 238, refrain only*)

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE... ..

Sarah Poole, Jim Shinn, & Lexi Kyak

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory Prayer & Offertory Music

Organ Voluntary.....*Dr. Wharton*

“From Heaven On High I Come to You”.....*Pachelbel*

▲ DOXOLOGY..... *page 221*

“In the Bleak Midwinter” verse 4

**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would
bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I
can I give him: give my heart.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Angie, Haley & Sarah Nestel*

THE NATIVITY STORY

READING 1 *Haley Nestel*
Mary encounters the angel Gabriel

READING 2 *Trace Fike*
Joseph's dream

READING 3 *Lexi Kyak*
The Journey to Bethlehem

CHILDREN'S SONG ... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ... *page 230*

READING 4 *Courtney Fike*
The Birth of Jesus is announced to the Shepherds

CHILDREN'S SONG ... "Away in a Manger" ... *page 217*

READING 5 *Haley Nestel*
The Promised Messiah

▲ CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *page 234*

▲ GOSPEL READING *Luke 2:8-20* *page 889*
This is the Word of our Lord. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"A Strange Way to Save the World" *Rev. Missy Rekitzke*

▲ CLOSING HYMN ... "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ... *page 240*

▲ BENEDICTION

Go in joy! For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

**And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

POSTLUDE *Dr. Wharton*
"From Heaven On High I Come to You" *Bach*



Poinsettias and other Gifts to the Glory of God

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Q. Allen, Sr., by
William Allen & Family.

In memory of our spouses, Shirley & Bill, by Jack &
Fran Taylor.

In memory of our parents, Raymond McCarty, Rebecca M. Cole,
Wallace Cole, Glenn Dudrow & Catherine Dudrow, by
Wade & Janice Dudrow.

In memory of our mothers, Elizabeth Porter & Marie Jackson, by Cal
& Marion Jackson.

In memory of Thomas & Jeanette Davis, Carroll & Myrtle Newcomb,
by Mary Granger.

In memory of The Hansen & Burnes Families, by Barbara & Linwood
Hansen.

In memory of loved ones, by Donna & Dick Anderson.

In memory of our parents, Ethel & Ed Warner, by Pat Covey & Lee
Royer.

In honor of Brad & Polly Watts, by Tom, Paula, Samantha, Austin &
Carolyn Turner.

In memory of Frank Stoner, Sarah & Bill Sutherland & Wayne
Bildahl, by Sarah Stoner.

In honor of my daughters, grandchildren & great grandchildren, by
Pat Visgaitis.

In memory of loved ones, by Nancy & Haines Holt.

In memory of our grandson Derek Covey, by Jim & Pat Covey.

In memory of Billy Comegys, Robert & Lois Horney, by Chris &
Kristin Schindler.

In honor of children, grandchildren & great-grandsons, & in memory
of loved ones, by Bob & Eenie Burris.

In memory of Polly Yowell, by Calvin Yowell.

In memory of my son, Chesley Lee "Chet" Hargraves, IV, by Phyllis
Matthai.

In memory of Dianne's Parents, Nathan & Eva Hubbard, by Richard &
Dianne VanSlambrook.

In memory of our parents, by Art & Louise Shelby.

In memory of Doris Lee, by Brenda Crabbs.

In memory of Terrence M. O'Donnell, by Edith R. O'Donnell.

In memory of my parents, Bill & Dot Lyons, my brother Jeffery & my
husband Alan, by Kaye L. Ramsey.

In honor of Kathy Anne Swann & in memory of Daniel Wayne Swann,
by Dan & Pearl Swann.

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. John Wimbrow & in memory of Mr. & Mrs.
Robert C. Morgan & Mr. Miguel Morales, by The
Wimbrow Family.

In honor of our children & grandchildren, by Don & Ann Yingling.

In honor of Jane Barton, by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

In memory of our parents, by Carolyn & Claude Edwards.

In honor of Dr. Bill Wharton's 50 years as St. Mark's organist, & in
memory of Mike & my parents, by Marcia Kirby.

In memory of Philip White, by Kim, Tyler, Nick & Alex White.

In memory of Carl & Betsy Pusey, by Susan Divilio & family.

In memory of all of our family that have gone before us, by Claude &
Mary Ann Hicks.

In honor of Pat & Pat Higgins, by George, Ruth, Tim, Jennifer, Garrit,
Madison, Rylie.

In memory of Hope Marie Jackson, by Tim & Ruth.

In memory of Sallie Yater, by The Higgins Family.

In memory of my parents, Stewart L. Hoxter & Elizabeth "Bette"
Adams, by Karen Reed.

In memory of Eugene Carroll, by Michaele Ann Graves.

In memory of loved ones, by Ron & Mary McCarty.

In memory of Bruce Vogel, by Ally Vogel.

In memory of our precious daughter, Donna Fleming Borges, by
Bill & Elizabeth Fleming.

In memory of my parents, Howard & Elizabeth Eley, by Elizabeth
Fleming.

In memory of Jack, Mae, Johnny & Wayne Claytor, by Ray & Mary
Claytor.

In memory of Ebe H. Pope & Margaret Pope, by Sharon Schutz &
family.

In memory of Mac Brittingham, my husband & Herbie Andrew, my
brother, by Dottie Brittingham.

In honor of Brad & Shari Powers, by Barbara Friedman.

In memory of our parents, by Bob & Judy Lawrence.

In honor of our grandchildren, by Bob & Fran Gosser.

In memory of my mother, Marian Miller; my father, Herbert Bradley;
my stepfather, Raymond Miller, by Cindy Doupnik.

In honor of Marion & Cal Jackson; in memory of Nickolas J. Maisano,
by Sharon Maisano.

In memory of Jean & Chester Barto, by Mary Belle Barto.

In memory of my parents, by Gigi Hershey.

Join us New Years Eve for ONE Worship Service at 10:30
a.m. in the Sanctuary! NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*Wishing you the blessings
of HIS peace this Christmas.*

*From the staff of
St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

After the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service, please
take your poinsettia if you purchased one.

Dec. 25th – Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed!

Dec. 26th – **Dec 29th** Church office open 8:30am - 12:00pm

Dec. 31st – 1 service at 10:30 am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 1, 2018 – **Jan. 2, 2018** Happy New Year!

Church Office Closed