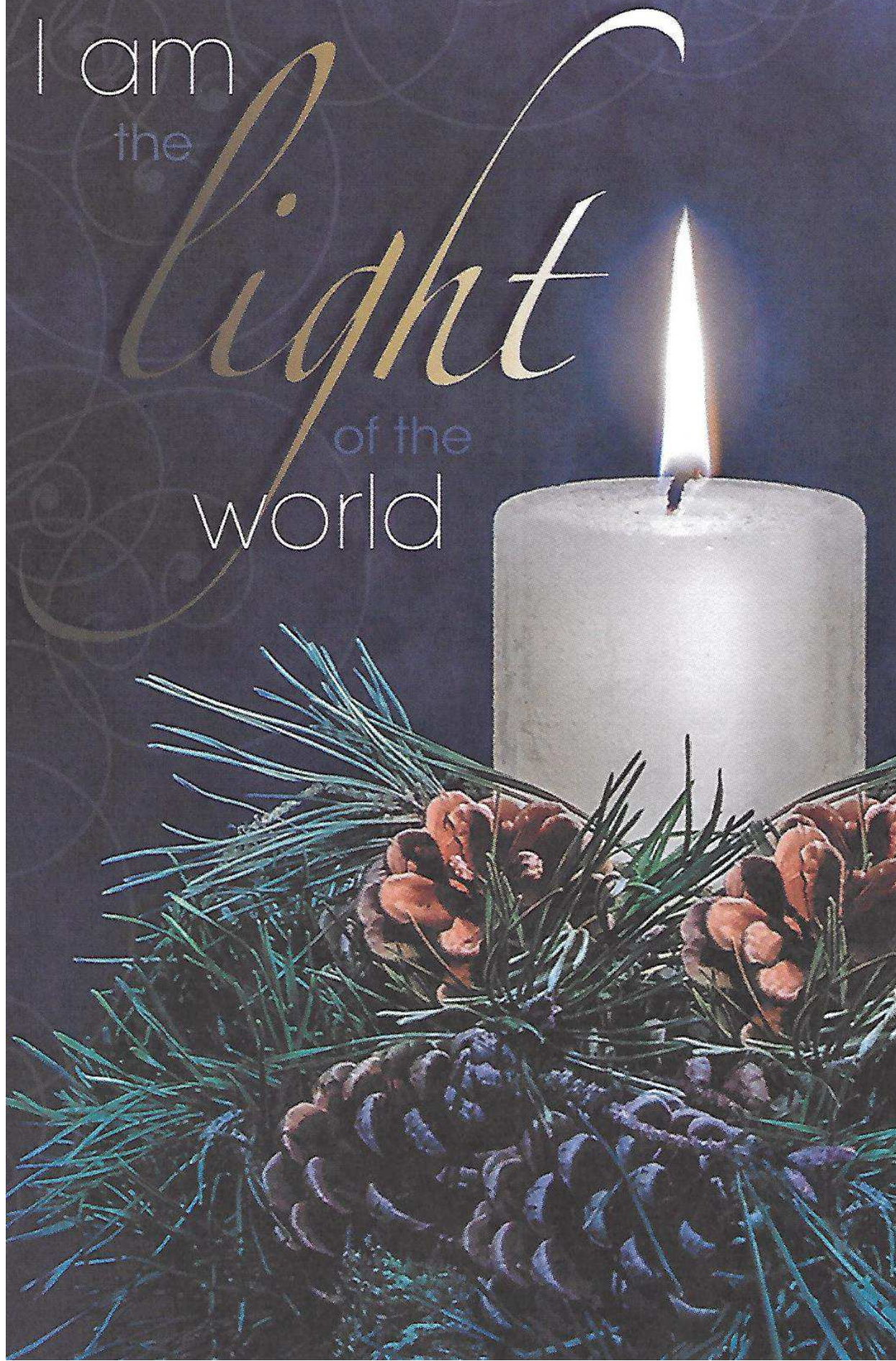


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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

December 24, 2017, 10:00 PM

PRELUDE MUSIC... ..9:15 P.M.

A presentation of seasonal selections

John Ohler, David Renoll: Silent Night- Day

Mary Bell Barto, Flute and Dr. Bill Wharton, Organ: Seasonal Music for Flute and Organ

John Ohler, David Renoll: O Come, Little Children- Wagner

Chancel Choir: He is Born Now the Prince of Peace- Purifoy

Penny Renoll: Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod

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.

There's a baby's low cry. Will you adore him?

Let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

▲ HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air" page 249

▲ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE... ..

Jake & Victoria Laureska

▲ THE GLORIA [*Hymn 238, refrain only*]

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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Anthem..... *Chancel Choir*

"Born a Savior, Born a King"Purifoy

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:2-7*... .. *page 593*

▲ HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"(*verses 1 & 4*)*page 211*

▲ GOSPEL READING *John 1:1-5* *page 922*

▲ **HYMN**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”page 230

▲ **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 Word”* ...Rev. Missy Rekitzke

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION & CONFESSION AND PARDONpage 12

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY*Mary Belle Barto /Dr. Wharton*

“Prelude on ‘Greensleeves’” Callahan

▲ **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.

▲ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** [*Musical Setting A*] ... pages 17-18

▲ **THE LORD’S PRAYER** [*To Be Sung*]

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We celebrate open communion – all persons who feel the need of Christ in their lives and draw near to Him by faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

Please come under the direction of the ushers down the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Take the bread given you, dip it into the cup, and partake of both elements together. The free will offering collected goes to the Needy Fund.

MUSIC OF CELEBRATION *Mary Belle Barto, flutist*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PASSING OF THE LIGHT

The light of Christ comes to us. Tip your unlit candle toward the lit candle to receive the light. Please keep your candles upright at all times.

▲ SILENT NIGHT *page 239*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

▲ BENEDICTION

**Go forth 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 *Mary Belle Barto/Dr. Wharton*
"In Dulci Jubilo" *Crisafulli*



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