



Joy TO THE
World
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

*St. Mark's
United Methodist Church*

7pm

Contemporary Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018, 7:00 PM

PRELUDE..... *David Cherry*
 “Carol of the Bells”

WELCOME

GREETING /ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Murdoch Family

God Calls us now in this Christmas season to become new,
**To make room for our own nativity, even where there is no room at
the inn.**

Where we are busy ...

PEACE.

Where we are lost ...

HOPE.

Where we are sad ...

JOY

Where we are bitter ...

LOVE

Let this hour be a time to hope for all these gifts of God.

OPENING HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* *page 234*

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.

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exaltation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O Come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be al glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O Come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

BIDDING PRAYER & 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.

HYMN *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”* *No. 240*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Please with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

READING 1 *The Garden* **Genesis 3: 6-11**

READING 2 *The Prophecy* **Isaiah 9:6**

READING 3 *The Birth of Jesus* **Luke 2:1-7**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Katelynn Cherry*
“Ave Maria” *Schubert*

READING 4 *The Shepherds* **Luke 2:8-15**

READING 5 *Mary and The Child* **Luke 2: 16-19**

HYMN*What Child Is This*219

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE *Pastor Ed Kuhling*

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING*Haley Nestel*
“O Holy Night” *Adam*

HOLY COMMUNION

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 usher 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 LIGHT READING **John 1:1-5,14**

LIGHTING OF OUR CANDLES

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.

▲ **CLOSING HYMN** “*Joy to the World*” page 246

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

▲ **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.**

*In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve.
In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean,
Eric Milner-White, who also wrote The Bidding Prayer.
Tonight, in honor of its centennial, we pay tribute to this expressive way we connect
to our whole Christmas Story.*

We thank this evening's musicians as they share their gifts and talents with us;
*Haley Nestel, Katelynn Cherry, our Bell ensemble, the Reign Down Praise Band
and its leader, David Cherry*

We would also like to thank our Readers, Communion servers,
Ushers, and Greeters.



Poinsettias and other Gifts to the Glory of God

In honor of our family & in memory of our
loved ones, by Linda & Pastor Ed Kuhling.

In memory of Polly Ann Yowell by Calvin Yowell.

In memory of Charles Weaver, Madeline Messick &
James Messick, by Lana Weaver.

In memory of Joan Ferrero, by Dick & Donna Anderson.

In honor of all my family, by Patricia Visgaitis.

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

In honor of our children, grandchildren & great grandsons, by Bob &
Eenie Burris.

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 Chuck Moon, by Pat Moon.

In memory of Bill & Eleanor Tull, by Diane Nave.

In honor of Captain Jacob Shores & in memory of my mother,
Marian Miller, my father Herbert Bradley & stepfather
Raymond Miller, by Cindy Doupnik.

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

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

In honor of our children, Karla, Heather, Elizabeth & their families,
by Sandy & Chivy Wieland.

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

In memory of her parents, Nathan H. & Eva N. Hubbard & his
parents, Alonzo & Edith VanSlambrook, by Dianne & Richard
VanSlambrook.

In memory of our parents, by Wade & Janice Dudrow.

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

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

In honor of Libby Dawkins, & in memory of Hilly Dawkins, Bill &
Jean Kilroy by Hugh & Kathy Dawkins.

In honor of our children & grandchildren, in memory of our parents,
by Bob & Judy Lawrence.

In memory of Mary Bell Callahan, by Claudette & Dave Ross.

In memory of loved ones, Ron & Mary McCarty.

In honor of Barbara Friedman, my prayer partner & in memory of
Carl & Betsy Pusey, by Susan Divilio.

In memory of Mr & Mrs. Sherwood Hubbard, by Dick Hubbard, Peter
& Joyce Bailey.

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

In honor of Dr. Bill Wharton, & in loving memory of Mike, by
Marcia Kirby.

In honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, by
Polly & Brad Watts.

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

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

In honor of Kitty Allen, & in memory of Malcom Allen II, Richard &
Norma Schumacher, by Rick & Susan Schumacher.

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

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

In memory of our son & grandson Derek F. Covey, by Tim, Margy,
Krystal & Pat Covey.

In memory of Katherine & Edward Knox & Gene Butler, by Claudia
& Wally Knox.

In memory of loved ones, by Bob & Fran Gosser.

In memory of Dan Pritchett by Helen Pritchett.

In memory of my parents Carl & Elizabeth Perkinson, by Gigi
Hershey.

In memory of my husband, by Edith O'Donnell.

Join us December 30th for ONE Worship Service at 10:00 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. 26 & 27th – Office will be open but with limited hours

Dec. 30th – 1 service at 10:00 am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st Church Office Closed