

December 24, 2018

7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

PRELUDE: *"Gesù Bambino"* David Lines, Organist
by Pietro Yon

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES: Acolytes
Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

* TRINITY BELLS (Stand as you are able)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chalmer Tomlinson, Liturgist
(Leader) He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!
(People) Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!
(Leader) He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!
(People) Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.
(Leader) O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!
(All) We are ready to receive you in our lives! Amen!

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE / ROMEO AND JULIET LARDIZABAL
(WHILE THE FAMILY IS LIGHTING THE CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE)

*WORDS OF CHRIST Chalmer Tomlinson, Liturgist
Now the time is near! The One who will save us, brings God's light into our world. We light this Christ Candle in celebration of God's most precious gift to us - our Savior Jesus Christ.
All: AMEN!

Advent Candle Song



1. Light one can - dle: Christ is com - ing,
 2. Light two can - dles: Christ is com - ing,
 3. Light three can - dles: Christ is com - ing,
 4. Light four can - dles: Christ is com - ing,
 5. Light the white one Christ is born, _____



Christ, the Hope of the world. Light one can - dle:
 Christ, the Peace of the world. Light two can - dles:
 Christ, the Joy of the world. Light three can - dles:
 Christ, the Love of the world. Light four can - dles:
 Christ, the Light of the world. Light the white one:



Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!
 Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!
 Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!
 Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!
 Christ is born, _____ Christ is born to - night!

WORDS and MUSIC: Sally Ahner

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*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20 Chalmer Tomlinson, Liturgist

[The Birth of Jesus]

(The **New** Testament, page 54 NRSV)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ!

All: Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHILDREN

Readers: Leslie Tomlinson, Jennifer Walker, Barbara Jo Wilson

A - F

#230 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (Verse 1)

G - H

ANTHEM

"Angels' Carol"

by John Rutter

The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg;
Accompanied by David Lines)

I - J

246 *"Joy to the World"* (Verse 1)

K - N

#217 *"Away in a Manger"* (Verse 1)

O

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) For the gift of God's own child, may we offer our thanks and praise. For the gift of God's light and salvation, may we offer our fullest devotion. For the gift of this night, may we offer our offerings. Come! Let us give out of our abundance, as we have received from the abundance of God's hand.

(All) Amen!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Carol Preludes" David Lines, Organist
by Robert Edwin Smith

* DOXOLOGY

All

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

P

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

All (Led by Pastor Kim)

O God, you have given us the greatest gift, your Son. We respond to you by giving to you what is precious to us. Grant that we might learn to give even more freely, and teach us how giving changes us. We give thanks for your unceasing love through this tiny child. Amen.

#219 *"What Child is This"* (Verse 1)

Q - Z

#251 "Go Tell it On the Mountain" (Verse 1)

CHRISTMAS DEVOTION

Rev. J. T. Kim

"GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS 1. 2. 3."

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING

(Pastor) The light of God is given for you - given to you - and by you it is given to others!

(All) Jesus is our Light! Amen!

(Everyone is given a candle at the exit door while heading to the patio and will form a big circle. Pastor lights his candle from the Christ Candle and gives it to the designated light bearers. Then, in the patio, they will give lights to people; then whoever gets the light is to give lights to other people as well. When everyone gets his or her own lighted candle, we will begin singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," verse 1 only, which may be repeated)

* Hymn #239

"Silent Night, Holy Night" (Verse 1 only)

All

**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.**

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (LUKE 2:14, NLT)

All

(Pastor) Glory to God in highest heaven,

(All) and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. Amen!