DECEMBER 24, 2017

PRELUDES

OFFERING OUR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Star-bright and whisper-deep,
P: The humble birth opens our eyes. The wonder in the ordinary, the surprising presence Of God in the common things of life.
L: Star-bright and whisper-deep,
P: The holy Child touches our hearts, the carols bring lumps to our throats, the overwhelming love of God brings tears to our eyes.
L: Star-bright and whisper-deep,
P: This holy season, this sacred moment is filled with wondrous joy and cherished presence.

*HYMN NO. 240 *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* vs.1-4

GREETINGS

OPENING PRAYER

OFFERING

SOLO *"O HOLY NIGHT" Arr. By Adolphe Adam/ Craig Courtney* Philip LaSusa

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING - THE LIGHT OF CREATION

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Carols of Hope and Light"*

READING - THE LIGHT OF PREPARATION

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Longing for the Light"* *Soloists Randy Storms*
Jeanie Sqrow

READING - THE LIGHT OF ANTICIPATION

READING - THE LIGHT OF MARY

CHORAL ANTHEM - *"The Holy Child of Mary"/ "O Wondrous Night"*

READING –THE LIGHT OF INCARNATION

CHORAL ANTHEM *"A Celtic Noel"*

READING - THE LIGHT OF DECLARATION

CHORAL ANTHEM *"A Celtic Gloria"*

READING - THE LIGHT OF REVELATION

READING - THE LIGHT OF CELEBRATION

MEDITATION ON THE LIGHT - Rev. Peg Welch

SINGING OF "Silent Night" and Candle lighting - (Please hold your candle upright to Receive the light and tilt it to give the light)

GOD'S BLESSING

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thank you to our musicians: Tom Wills, Bernice Holman, and Millie Keith, Felicia Friebel and Bob Wagenhals

Thank you to our soloists: Philip LaSusa, Jeanie Sqrow, and Randy Storms

Thank you to our readers: Monroe Bolen, Sue Kisling, Ken Starbuck

Thank you to our acolytes: Nate Christian and Aiden Metcalfe

Thank you to our soundboard tech: Eric Grove

Thank you to our choir and choir director, Bob Wagenhals, for the beautiful music.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

ONTARIO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Christmas Eve Service