Mentor United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Worship 3:00 PM                                        Thursday, December 24, 2020

Prelude          “Break Forth Into Joy” from The Christmas Oratorio ”
J. S. Bach /arr. Van Denman Thompson
Amy Bender, organist

Entrance of the Light                                             Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Isaiah 9)
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in
the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given; the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Hymn 196                          “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  - Christ Candle
Kelly Quittenton

* Hymn 234        “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Service of Lessons and Carols

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.
This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went
to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and
family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she
gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Hymn 230                                    “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Luke 2:8-14
“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’”

Hymn 238                                “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Luke 2: 15 – 20
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Hymn 249                                “There’s a Song in the Air”

Christmas Offering Emphasis            “Mary, Did You Know?”                        arr.Jack Schrader
Charter Members Men’s Choir; recorded December 24, 2019

Doxology

Prayer

Message                                Home for Christmas:                          Rev. Sondra Snode
Jesus, at Home in Our Hearts

Holy Communion
The Lord be with you.
And, also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Worship through Music        “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”        Robert MacGimsey
Willie Dycks, soloist

The Passing of the Light

Hymn 239        “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Christmas Blessing

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.**
**Grant that, being born in our heart, he may save us from our sins, and**
**Restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator.**
**To whom be everlasting praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 246        “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude        “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”        Wilbur Held

* Cantors for this service are Laurie Babcock, Carrie Domonkos, Willie Dycks, Larry Fram, and Noralee Starr.
Altar Guild
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Steve & Roberta Abbey
Georgeanna Allen
Dick & Carol Anderson
Gary & Donna Bly
Linda Brown
Sally Carr & R. Douglas Kepp
Carrie Domonkos
Rich & Katie Elwell
Craig & Laurie Eppler
Mike & Kathy Fellows
Michael & Christina Fournier
Peggy Galvan
Marjorie Gettig
Joe and Judy Goetz
Bob & Liz Grusendorf
Carol Haines
Amy Hanna
Kurt Hinkley
Donald & Patricia Humphrey
Arthur & Cheryl Iacofano
Connie Irvin
Ante & Debra Kardum
Dana & Kim Ludwig
Betty McArthur
The Scott Palmer Family
Debbie Palmer
Nancy Posar
Jan Robinson
Kitty Schirm & Family
Denise Small
Barbara Temple
Alan Vick
Bill Wolfgang

In appreciation of our military and their families
In appreciation of our pastors and church staff
IMO Mike and Nancy Abbey
IMO Cephas A. Allen
IMO Jack and Pat Anderson
IMO Rex & Elizabeth Bly, Peggy David
IMO Henry W. Brown III, Dr. Henry & Ruth Brown, Leslie & Rita Stuckert
IMO Margaret & Cecil Sprague
IMO Dorothy & Ralph Kepp
IMO Patrick J. Domonkos, Sr., Bernice Miller, Richard & Elizabeth Powell, Grace & Ken Zelms
In appreciation of Jeanne Domonkos, Bruce & Kathy Powell
IMO loved ones
In appreciation of Carole and Patsy, Rich, Heather, and Michael
IMO Ron and Marna Eppler, Alan and Doreen Moorman
IMO Ray & Vonnie Watson, Bill & Vivian Fellows
In appreciation of our children and grandsons
IMO Howard and Ruby Irish, Roland and Patricia Fournier
IMO Hugh and Grace Allee
In appreciation of Pastors and Staff of Mentor UMC in this difficult time
IMO Durley Imbler
IMO Ralph Gettig
To the Glory of God
IMO Louis (Jim) Simer, Don Luther
To the Glory of God
IMO Jacques Haines
IMO Charles Wm. Dykes, brother
IMO Linda Hinkley
To the Glory of God
IMO R. Quentin and Eleanor M. Hinamon
IMO Florence M. Humphrey, David M. Humphrey & Edgar O Humphrey
IMO Robert and Shirley Gockel,
IMO Art and Mary Iacofano (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents)
IMO Robert Irvin, John and Edith Pelton
In appreciation of Healthcare and Frontline workers everywhere
IMO Bill & Marjorie Wilde
IMO Jeff Meyer, In appreciation of Gloria Meyer
IMO James McArthur
IMO Our Grandmothers
IMO departed loved ones
IMO Dear members of the Fotia and Posar families
To the Glory of God
IMO of Jay Schirm, husband and father
IMO of William F. & Anita Romig, parents and grandparents
IMO of Jack & Sheila Schirm, in-laws and grandparents
IMO Joanne Pleska, Ginnie Small, Bill Small
In appreciation of Pastor Sondra
IMO Russell and Ruth Pletcher, Kaitlyn Eileen Temple,
IMO Frank and Margaret Temple
IMO Roy and Marian Sloan, Kenneth Sloan
IMO my wife, Judy, and our parents