

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or newcomer, our first hope is that you will experience God's love and care. Our second hope is that you will also experience our love and care. Some of us are shy and quiet. Others of us are bold and outgoing. In all our ways we want to say: "YOU ARE WELCOME!"

At St. Martin's, children are welcome; noise is expected.

If you have little ones with you this evening, please do not worry if they make noise and move around. The presence of children is a blessing and we welcome the joyful noise they bring.

We gratefully acknowledge the special musical leadership this evening of Betty Lou and Kerry Agnew.

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bob McPherson – Chair of the Board
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Betty Lou Agnew – Organist
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Keith Hall & Erin Tempel – Contemporary Singers
Aliah Nelson & Mars Zhao – Sanctuary Choir
Lori Cline Flath – Band Together



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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community
that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24th, 2018

7:30 p.m.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
For those who lived in a land of deep shadows – light!

**For a child has been born – for us! The gift of a son – for us!
He shall wear the mantle of authority. His names shall be:
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of
Peace.**

***SING: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1,3,5) VU #60**

PRAYER

O God, put a new song in our hearts,
a song of justice and of mercy.

Put a new vision in our sight,
a vision of glory and of peace.

Put a new sound in our ears,
the sound of creation’s majesty.

Put a new ground under our feet,
the ground of a sustainable world.

Put a new heaven within our reach,
a heaven both here and coming.

May we sing with the psalmist, “Let the heavens be glad, and let the
earth rejoice!”

**Come, O Holy One, to restore righteousness and truth to this
world. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Emmanuel – God with us – be with you!

And also with you!

[please extend the peace to those around you]

FIRST LESSON: In the Beginning

LORD’S PRAYER

***SING: “Joy to the World” (vs. 1,2,4) VU #59**

SIXTH LESSON: And then...

SHARING THE LIGHT

*[Please pass the light along your row by lighting the candle of the
person beside you. When everyone’s candle is lit, we will stand
together and sing Silent Night.]*

***SING: “Silent Night” VU #67**

*BLESSING

***RECESSIONAL: “Gloria” VU #37**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Have a Blessed Christmas

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Christ is the light which has come into the world.

May Christ's light shine in us!

Emmanuel – God is with us!

Hosanna in the highest!

Sing: "Hope is a Star" (v.4) VU #7

SECOND LESSON: Jesus' birth is announced

MUSIC: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (instrumental)

THIRD LESSON: Jesus is born

MARY AND JOSEPH SPEAK

***SING: "Away in a Manger" VU #69**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FOURTH LESSON: The Shepherds

A SHEPHERD SPEAKS

***SING: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" VU #48**

FIFTH LESSON: The Magi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING MUSIC – "We Three Kings"

***OFFERING SONG: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (VU #544)**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today

to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

We pray for all of us who participate in the human story. We pray for all of us who have our being in creation. We light candles as a symbol of the hope that sustains us. For the leaders of this world, may they be guided by God's will and not their own power.

Light of Christ, love's pure light.

For the citizens of the nations of this earth, may we be guided by equity and the common good.

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For the parents in our lives, may we be guided by humility, responsibility and patience.

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For the children in our lives, may we be guided by love, trust and possibility.

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For the unsheltered and unprotected, may we be guided by a sense of connection and a kindness for strangers.

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For the innkeepers, workers and shelter-makers and givers, may we be guided by a sense of gratitude and hospitality.

Light of Christ, love's pure light.

For the shepherds, may we be guided by a calm vigilance and adventurous assurance.

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For the plants and animals and all of creation, may we be guided by an understanding of our connectedness.

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For the messengers of God, may we be guided by wonder and inspiration.

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For all in whom Christ's love is born today, may we treasure and ponder what we have learned, and may we glorify and praise God for all we hear and see this day, and every day.

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