

**STIDHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2017**



*For a child has been born !  
The gift of a Son for us!  
His name will be Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:2-7*

**STIDHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2017**

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**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**HYMN\*- "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Page 234 Verses 1,2,3**

**Page 235 Verse 6**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Beloved in Christ this Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefor let us hear again the Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols and praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed, the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him or not, or who by sin have grieved this heart of love.

EIGHTH LESSON– Matthew 2:1-11

**CAROL- “ We Three Kings” Page 254 Hymnal Verses 1,5**

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

**CHOIR- “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL SETTING A**

**HYMNAL PAGES 17, 18**

**PASSING OF THE SACRAMENTS**

**CANDLE LIGHT CAROLS**

**“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”- Page 240 Hymnal  
Verses 1,3**

**“Silent Night, Holy Night”- Page 239 Hymnal  
Verses 1,2,3,4**

**Thank you to those who helped with the service**

**Pastor– Rev. Michael Dillon**

**Organist– Carolyn Hockstra**

**Choir Director– Jackie Newkirk**

**Choir**

**Ushers and Candle Lighters**

**Sound System– Paula Dillard**

Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself taught us.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER– Our Father who art in heaven, hal-  
lowed 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**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

**CAROL- “Come, Thou Long -Expected Jesus” Page 196  
Hymnal Verses 1,2**

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

**CAROL- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Page 211 Hymnal  
Verses 1,2**

THIRD LESSON : Isaiah 9:2,6-7

**CAROL- “All Earth is Waiting” Page 210 Hymnal Verse 1,4**

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9

**CAROL- “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Page 230 Hymnal  
Verses 1,4**

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35,38

**CAROL- “There’s A Song in The Air” Page 249 Hymnal  
Verses 1,4**

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL- “The First Noel” Page 245 Hymnal Verse 1**

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

**CHOIR- “Angels Sing”**