

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Carols by Candlelight*  
*December 24, 2020*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Words of Grace and Welcome**

**Carol**

*Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*John 1:1-5, 14,  
John 3:16*

**Prayer**

**The Christmas Story - as told from the Gospel of Luke**

*Luke 2:1-5*

*Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

*Luke 2:6-7*

*Carol: Away in a Manger*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

*Luke 2:8-14*

*Carol: The First Noel*

**The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

*Luke 2:15-18*

*Carol: What Child is This?*

**What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.**

*Luke 2:19-20*

*Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**Pastoral Prayer** *and* **Lord's Prayer**

**Carol**

*Silent Night*

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

**Benediction**

*Thank you for worshiping with us.  
Merry Christmas!*

*Our Pastors:*

*Rev. Lane Cotton Winn  
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