

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

Gathering Music

“Visit Us, Emmanuel”

Composed by Mark Hayes

Greeting

Rev. Sharon Kichline

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Morse and Nunes Families

Rev. Gene and Lettie, Lydia, Camille, Lily and Julian

Advent Prayer

In Unison

Lord, you came as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of the Christ candle to come remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

This we pray in your name, Amen.

*Advent Proclamation

Jan McCurley

Leader: Tonight, we kneel with people all over the earth in the presence of the Most High.

People: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

Leader: As we have been washed by the light, let us enlighten.

People: **As we have been found, let us seek out the lost.**

Leader: As we have been liberated, let us set the captives free.

Unison: **For to us a child is born; One whom God sends to bring peace and light, freedom and reconciliation. Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

UMH 234 (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

*Christmas Prayer

In Unison

God who labors to bring forth abundant life among us, we thank you for the birth we celebrate tonight. A newborn bundle of human life can cause us to gaze for hours, amazed. Refresh our amazement that you sent Jesus to us from your very self, to be born as a human baby, and to live among us, showing us the way to new life. In response to your great labor of love, may we open ourselves to you, that you may create new life among us. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sharon

*Doxology and Blessing our Offerings

