



December 2, 2018 – 8:15 & 10:35 – Worship Guide
Co-Pastors: Rev. Ron Harris and Rev. Karla Sheffy
Pastoral Intern: Erynn Dahlke
Acolytes: (10:35) Caroline Curtis, Norah Thompson, and Caiden Kaniper
Lay Readers: (8:15) Kurt Cooper & (10:35) Kurt Cooper
Worship Accompanist: Henry Weiner
Ministry of Music: 8:15am - Ensemble
“Christmas Wish” by Mark Krantz
10:35am - Sanctuary Choir
“We Need a Silent Night in Here”
by Marsha Jean Moors-Charles and Chuck Bell

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Gathering Music

“Star-Child”

#2095 v. 1 TFWS

Welcoming Rev. Ron Harris Greet your neighbor--Passing the Peace

Words of Preparation Rev. Ron Harris

Threshold

Prelude Pastors and *Acolytes process:*

It was the night when [Peace] was born

[Silent Night]

And just as now the world was torn

[Holy Night]

But all was calm and all was bright

[Silent Night]

The star above gave out its light

[Holy Night]

Dear people all around the world

Let us unite and we will show

How [Peace] can change us,

How [Peace] can help us grow.

Spoken:

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

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Sung:

So let your [Peace] shine in the night

[Silent Night]

And let your life burn warm and bright

[Holy Night]

This [Peace] we give the world is balm

[Silent Night]

And in this truth we find our calm

[Holy Night!]

Advent Wreath Lighting by family/persons

Spoken Response of the People:

Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

*Hymn

“O God of Every Nation”

#435 vs. 1,2,4 UMH

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Discovering the Light

Children’s Moment (10:35 only) – **Rev. Ron Harris**

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#230 v. 1 UMH

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-4 CEB

Erynn Dahlke

Ministry of Music

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Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (CEB)

Rev. Karla Sheffy

Sermon

“Sleep in Peace”

Rev. Karla Sheffy

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Responding in Gratitude for God’s Gifts with our Offerings – **Rev. Kurt Cooper**

Offertory - Ensemble, “Christmas Wish” by Mark Krantz

* The Doxology -

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#234 v.1 UMH with refrain

*Prayer of Dedication – **Rev. Kurt Cooper**

Celebration of Communion and Prayer

Instructions for Lighting Candles and Communion--**Rev. Karla Sheffy**

Confession and Assurance - Rev. Kurt Cooper

Invitation--**Rev. Ron**

Come, for the way has been set before you.

Come and take in and take on the peace of Christ that is being reborn in us today.

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 our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

[sung to the tune of “Christ be our Light” refrain]

**You are the Light. You are our God,
piercing the dark night.**

**Bless’d are the ones,
shining their lights, now in your name!**

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ’s offering of salvation:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the dark [night].
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Breaking the Bread and Lifting the Cup: **Rev. Karla Sheffy**

Invite people to the stations for Communion and Lighting Candles in Prayer

Prayer After Communion: **Rev. Ron Harris**

WE GO OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

* HYMN

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

#431 UMH

Sharing Opportunities for Ministry - Announcements

Rev. Ron Harris

*Benediction

Rev. Karla Sheffy

*Song of Sending Forth

"We Need a Silent Night in Here"

Postlude