

Casco United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

December 24th, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE Jerry Post

GREETING AND NEWS OF THE LORD'S WORK

Your presence and record of attendance is very important to us. Please print your name and that of all children in attendance and pass the Attendance Pads to your neighbor. Visitors, may you always feel welcome as our "Special Guests!" (All scripture readings tonight will be from the older version of the "Revised Standard Bible")

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Guy & Carol Rayon

AND CHRIST CANDLE

THE "ADVENT SONG" (*all verses*) No. 2090

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Dave

INTROIT "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" Chancel Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD AND SING TO GOD'S GLORY

THE PROCLAMATION John 1:1, 1:14 & Luke 2:14 Pastor Dave

CHRISTMAS HYMN "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 234
(Verses 1 & 3)

THE PROPHECIES Isaiah 9: 2-6 & 11:1-9, Micah 5:2 Bill Warren

CHRISTMAS HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230
(Verses 1 & 4)

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Mary Did You Know" Solina Warren

"CHRISTMAS" DOXOLOGY (tune of O Christmas Tree)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation. Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE ANNOUNCEMENT Luke 1:26-35 Bill Warren

CHRISTMAS HYMN "The First Noel" No. 245
(Verses 1 & 5)

THE EVENT Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Dave

CHRISTMAS HYMN "Joy to the World" No. 246
(Verses 1 & 4)

CHILDREN'S TIME "Special Christmas Story" Pastor Dave

THE ROYAL VISITORS Matthew 2:1-12 Bill Warren

CHRISTMAS HYMN "We Three Kings" No. 254
(Verses 1 & 5)

WE SHARE OUR INNER THOUGHTS AND MEDITATION

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Rev. David W. Meister

ANTHEM "Christmas Grace" Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

WE SYMBOLIZE THE LIGHT AND HOPE OF THE WORLD

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The Pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle. He, in turn, will give light to our Lay Leader, Bill Warren, who will give light to each of the ushers. The ushers will light the candle of the first person in each pew. They will give light to the next person, and so on until all of the candles are lit, symbolizing the spreading of the Good News...God's love for each of us. The Word begins with light and spreads until the Good News is proclaimed to all: "The light has shined in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out!"

CHRISTMAS HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 239
(All 4 Verses)

BENEDICTION

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED (Please be very careful not to tip the candles to avoid spilling the HOT wax on you, on each other, on the pews, or on the floor. If you have young children, please help them not to spill. Thank you!)

CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

(tune of Deck the Halls)

May the good Lord bless and keep you, Alleluia, Amen!

While we celebrate the season, Alleluia, Amen!

Baby, Jesus, Baby Jesus, Hail the newborn Savior's birth!

Grant your peace to all the earth, Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE Jerry Post
(please see back)

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are honored and so is the Baby Jesus to have you attend our “Christmas Eve Candlelight Service” tonight. Visitors and guests may you always feel welcome to attend any of our worship services or special activities. Our spirit-filled worship takes place on Sundays at 10 a.m. Children are invited to attend Church School in our new addition following the Children’s Time during worship. Adults are invited to attend a Church School class following worship, along with other mid-week, small group opportunities. May you always feel welcome to return!

Poinsettias: If you have purchased a poinsettia for our altar, please feel free to take it home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tonight.

IN HIS SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. David W. Meister
Organist & Choir Director	Jerry Post
Admin. Assistant/Church Secretary	Theresa Wiley

A special thanks to the following people who have blessed us during this service:

Liturgist: Bill Warren

Advent Wreath Lighting: Guy & Carol Rayon

Special Music: The Chancel Choir, Solina Warren, and Music Director Jerry Post

May your Christmas be warm in the miracle of His love, and may His peace be with you and your family throughout the New Year. With appreciation for all of your cards and gifts...
With many prayers and love,

The Meister Family ~ Pastor Dave, Denise, Darian, Justice, and Heaven, too.

Thank You for worshipping with us!

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