

ORDER OF EVENING WORSHIP

December 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Still, Still, Still”	Moklebust	AUMC Handbells
“O Holy Night”	Adam	Thomas O’Neill
“Mary Did You Know”	Lowry and Greene	Glenn Patterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (UM Board of Discipleship)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the whole earth.
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation.

Declare the glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD; ascribe to the LORD honor and power:

The majesty and magnificence of his presence! The power and splendor of his sanctuary!

Light all four Advent candles and the Christ Candle.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Tell it among the nations: “The LORD is King!”

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad!”

All (sung): Blessed Be the God of Israel

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release.

God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

- * HYMN NO. 217 “Away in a Manger”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERTORY “Ave Maria” Lindsey Blackwell

- * CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY (Tune: O Tannenbaum)

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.

- * HYMN NO. 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament	Isaiah 9:2-7
Gospel	Luke 2:1-20

TRIO FROM THE CHRISTMAS ORATORIO Saint-Saens
Lindsey Blackwell, Thomas O’Neill, Glenn Patterson

SERMON “The Time Came” The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 15

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

- * HYMN “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 Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

- * BENEDICTION

- * HYMN NO. 246 “Joy to the World”

- * POSTLUDE

- * Please stand as you are able.

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all.

If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.

This evening’s offering will be split between Project Crossroads and UMCOR/Puerto Rico relief.

Pastor: The Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min.

Worship Leader: Glenn Patterson

Organist: Lisa Withers, D.M.A.

Communion Steward: Wanda Pugh

Assisting with Communion:

Jacob Countiss

Emma Blackwell

Virginia Stockner

Isaac Thiessen

Crucifer: Karl Thiessen

*The Congregation of
Abingdon United Methodist Church*



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Merry Christmas
and a blessed
New Year.*



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Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Service

Welcome to Abingdon United Methodist Church. We are glad that you have chosen to worship here tonight. If we can assist you in any way, please speak to an usher.

