THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship service this evening.

THE STORY BEGINS

PRELUDE
Trish Dehls

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Rev. Ann Aaberg

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Candle Lighters: Terry, Susan & John Skogerboe

HYMN #132 (Blue Hymnal) When God Is a Child

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward all.
All: For out of God’s own being, Jesus has come to bring love and light to all people.
One: Jesus is our Emmanuel – God with Us – come to gather our tears and our laughter, ourselves and our lives into God’s love.
All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward all.

*CAROL (unison) O Come, All Ye Faithful
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.
(Repeat Refrain.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)
We thank you, God, for your gift of Jesus Christ to the entire world.
We thank you that Christ’s coming makes hope, peace, joy and love possible for every person in every place. Help us to do our part to bring goodwill and peace to all people in our world. Now let your Spirit put us in touch with you, the living God, through the celebration of Christmas. We ask this through Jesus who taught us to pray using these words …

*LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM
In the Bleak Midwinter
Cal Beggs

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7
CAROL (unison) 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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning be nigh.

RECORDING

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14
CAROL (unison) 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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

POSTLUDE
Trish Dehls

We worship regularly every Sunday
with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
here in the sanctuary.
Come worship with us again!

The small candles to the left of the altar this evening
remain from our Service of Light last week
in memory of loved ones
and in petition for healing.
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

In loving memory of Carolyn T. Donald and Catherine & George Wenderoth,
from Eleanor & Charlie Wenderoth & Family

In loving memory of my wife Carolyn Benvenuti,
with love from Dave and our children Marc, Eric, Amy & Nadine
In memory of her mother, Betty Lundgren, from Barbara & Roger Read

In loving memory of my husband, Rudolph Brandt, and our daughter, Susan Brandt Cole, from Irma Brandt

In loving memory of Pamela Stein Barstow, from Mom & Frank, Becky, Nate, Matt, Chris & Jonathan

In loving memory of Eleanor & Lee Moore, from Barbara Van De Vusse

In memory of Nate & Margaret Sturs, from Marjie & Chuck Parrot

In memory of loved ones, from Norma Anderson
In loving memory of Brad Ferraro - Brad, you will be forever in our hearts and prayers. We miss you so deeply everyday. from Susan & Jen Ferraro

In celebration of dear family & friends, from Priscilla Baxter

In memory of Betty, John & Robert Burmahli, from Patty Burmahli

In memory of Lissa Kowalski, from Patti Burmahli
In memory of Terry & Sue’s parents, Ron & Janet Skogerboe & Meryl Brewer, from Terry, Sue, Steve, Emily & John Skogerboe

In loving memory of Nancy’s sister, Linda Buchanan Jacob, from Tom & Nancy McLoughlin

In loving memory of their parents, Marion & Harold Gremley,

from Kay Hill & Ruth Webster
In memory of Alice Bushnell & Agnes Vogeltanz, from Mr. & Mrs. Norton Wheeler

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents from The Wiles Family

In loving memory of our parents & grandparents, from John & Jan Hardink
In memory of departed Hardink & Perregaux family members,
from John & Jan Hardink
In loving memory of Robert Browning Nickerson, from his family

In loving memory of my parents, Anthony & Imelda Rys, from Janice Frink

In memory of Sandal Clay Stuart, from his parents Karin & Peter Stuart

In loving memory of their daughter Laura Sorrell O’Neill, from Robert & Janet Purinton

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Hoffman, from Linda Lorinsky & Jaclyn Kornegay

In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. H. Greener, Judge & Mrs. L. P. Moore, and Leonard Brown Moore, from Margot & Alan Greener

In loving memory of Hannah, from The Burns Family

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MINISTRY

Ministers: All Members of the Church
Pastor: Mrs. Ann M. Auley
Director of Music: Terril Drolle
Director of Children’s Ministries: Susan Arne
Director of Youth Ministries: Doug Auley
Parish Care Coordinator: Jane Donnell & Karen Stuart
Flowers: Susan Arne & Karen Stuart
Deacons: Jack Levy & Joanne Luceczek
Ushers: Jack Levy & Joanne Luceczek

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 12/24
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 pm - Worship Service for All Ages
10:00 pm - Lessons & Carols in Candlelight Service

Thursday, 12/25
CHRISTMAS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)

Friday, 12/26
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 12/27
No Event

Sunday, 12/28
First Sunday after Christmas
9:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services
9:40 am - Song Catchers (Sanctuary)
10:15 am - Sunday School

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Our Mission Statement: To joyfully bring the Christian principles of faith, hope and love to all through quality worship, education, fellowship and outreach.

ALL ARE WELCOME