

Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, December 24, 2014 5:00 p.m.

4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

GREETING & WELCOME TO VISITORS Judy Slide

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: A Child is born to us!

People: A Son is given to us!

Leader: And he will be our ruler.

**All: He will be called “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,”
“Eternal Father,” “Prince of Peace.”**

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

PRAYER FOR FAITH: Almighty and Everlasting God, we praise you for the coming of the Christ Child to rule the earth with justice and righteousness. We pray that he may be born anew in our hearts this day so that we may be used by you in some way to help still the warring madness of the nations and the strife and turmoil within our own land. We pray in the name of the blessed Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

Prayer of Confession: O God, forgive us for continuing to walk in darkness when we know the Light of the World has come into our lives. Even as we praise you and give thanks for the coming of that Light in Jesus Christ, by your Holy Spirit enable us truly to follow our Master and our Friend, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2: Samuel 7:1-11, 16

HYMN: UMH #218 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *[vs. 1, 2, 4]*

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1: 26-38

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: UMH #234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *[vs. 1, 3, 4]*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Reader: We light this forth candle as a symbol of the prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. As we light the Christmas candle, we welcome the tiny baby, born in a manger. Hope of the world, bringer of peace, joy of our hearts, and love incarnate, we welcome you. Let Christ be born in us today! Amen.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

ADVENT HYMN: FWS #2090: "Light the Advent Candle" [vs. 4,5]

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

SERMONET

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Night of Silence"/ "Silent Night" Faith Ensemble

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.*

* DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH #246 "Joy to the World"

New Year's Eve Services:

10:00 a.m. Faith Community UMC

7 p.m. Watch-Night Service, Eastern UMC

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.