

# United Church of Christ, Congregational

*An Open and Affirming Church*

**December 24, 2016**

Ministers to the World  
Ministers to the Congregation

**4:00 P.M.**

All the Congregation  
All the Staff

## CALL OF THE BELL

TIME OF CENTERING

## PRELUDE

*He Is Born, the Divine Infant* French carol;  
Stephen Davis, violin Karen Harvey, piano Arr. Mark Hayes

## WELCOME

Rev. Deborah Spratley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them a light has shined.**

One: For a child has been born to us, a son given to us.

**All: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN

#151 *The First Noel* v. 1, 2, 5 Traditional English

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The H.O.P.E. Puppet Ministry

## CAROL

#143 *Joy to the World* v. 1, 2 *ANTIOCH*  
Joy to the world the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* French carol;  
Cherub Chimes Arr. Karen Harvey

\*Offertory Response

*What Child Is This?* v. 3 *GREENSLEEVES*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,  
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This,  
this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste,  
haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 9-14

## \*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Tyler Morrison

## CAROL

#145 *Silent Night* v.1, 3

*STILLE NACHT*

1. 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.
3. 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.

## \*BENEDICTION

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts/debtors")

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**



***During the Postlude, you are invited to take a white dove  
from the evergreen tree in the sanctuary home with you  
to hang on your Christmas tree. Each dove has a prayer  
written on it. As you celebrate the Christmas holiday,  
please hold this prayer in your hearts.***

## POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*  
Karen Harvey, organ

Arr. Martin Pierce

\*Standing to praise God

**PAGEANT CAST**

Narrator	Rev. Deb Spratley
Herod	Brianna Benedict
Wiseman	Colleen Benedict
Joseph & Jake Puppet	Wesley Bryan
Mary & Alex Puppet	Caitlyn Fitzsimmons
Angel & Camel Puppet	Elizabeth Fitzsimmons
Baby Jesus & Sussana Puppet	Lena Wollam
Shepherd & Camel Puppet	David Won
Innkeeper & Sheep Puppet	Diana Won

The corn husk angel on the evergreen tree in the Sanctuary (with the doves) is from Candelaria de la Frontera, El Salvador. The angel was a gift to UCC Norwell upon the November Habitat for Humanity trip. Women in the village of Candelaria de la Frontera make these angels as part of an entrepreneurship training program to help them improve their lives and living conditions.

*Our Staff Is Here to Help You*

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Rev. Deborah Spratley .....	Associate Pastor
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*We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.*

# Christmas Eve



Children's  
Christmas  
Program

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