

Hilton United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2017 at 7:00pm

Music for Gathering

Mrs. Christy Sadecki

Call to Worship:

Rev. Jennifer Green

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Many: Oh, come, let us adore him! *[sung response]*

One: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

Many: Oh, come, let us adore him!

*One: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising!*

Many: O, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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:

One: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Many: O, come let us adore him!

One: And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

Many: O, come, let us adore him!

*One: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Many: O, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

*One: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
which shall be to all people!*

Many: O, come let us adore him!

*One: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord!*

Many: O, come let us adore him!

One: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

Many: O, Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God in the highest:

O, come let us adore him! O, come let us adore him!

O, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
~ *Beginning at verse 2 when cued* ~

UMH # 240

Lighting the Christmas Candle

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7

Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1 & 4 UMH # 211

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs 1, 2, 4 UMH # 218

New Testament Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Carol: "There's a Song in the Air" vs 1, 2, 4 UMH # 249

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Choral Anthem: "Breath of Heaven"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

Carol: "Away in a Manger" vs 1 & 2 UMH # 217

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

Carol: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" vs 1 & 2 UMH # 220

Christmas Message: "It's A Wonderful Life: Treasure It" Rev. Jennifer Green

★ **Carol:** "Joy to the World" UMH # 246

Celebration of Holy Communion

A Sung Communion Liturgy for Christmas Eve to the tune of GREENSLEEVES

Words will be on the screens.

As you come forward for Communion, please bring your candle with you.
After you have received communion please move into a circle around the outside
of the sanctuary and balcony to prepare for the singing of Silent Night.

* **Closing Hymn** “Silent Night” UMH # 239

Words for ‘Silent Night’ will be projected on the screens.

Please light the candle of the person next to you by tipping the unlit candle only.

** Battery operated candles are available.

* Stand in body or spirit. UMH #= The United Methodist Hymnal – purple book in your pew

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If you wish to contribute to the ministry of Hilton United Methodist Church, envelopes  
have been provided in your bulletin, which may be placed in the baskets at the back of  
the sanctuary.

**Merry Christmas!**

The staff and congregation of Hilton United Methodist Church  
wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Please join us at 10:00 am on Sundays for Worship,  
Nursery Care available  
Followed by a fellowship time and coffee hour.

Thank you to all who participated in this evening’s service.

May your hearts be filled with the love of Christ tonight  
and all through the year. Peace be with you!

The **Church Office will be closed** December 23 - January 2. If you have a pastoral  
emergency, please call Rev. Green on her cell phone (716) 560-5204.

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