

Hilton United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2016, 8:00 pm

“The Redemption of Scrooge: Keeping Christmas Well”

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

Threshold Moment

Choir Anthem: “God Bless Us Everyone” arr. Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

* Opening Hymn “Joy to the World” UMH #246

Passing the Peace

*Please turn to those around you and offer these words of Joy:
“God Bless Us Everyone!”*

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

A Blessing of the Children

The Story

Selected Readings from Luke & Matthew interspersed with the following Carols:

- # 245 “The First Noel” vs 1, 2
- # 218 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” vs 1
- # 217 “Away in a Manger” vs 1, 2
- # 219 “What Child Is This” vs 1
- # 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1, 4

The Word in Music “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Message “Keeping Christmas Well” Rev. Jennifer Green

A Time for Reflection

WE RESPOND

Offering

Offertory: “Petit Noel” arr. Emile Louis

Soloist: Peggy Colucci

* Doxology #95

Praise God who blesses everyone!
Praise Jesus Christ, the new-born Son!
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!
All praise the miracle has come!

Celebration of Christmas Communion

Invitation to Communion

Confession and Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

Communion and Laying Our Burdens Down

WE GO FORTH

* Closing Hymn “Silent Night” UMH # 239

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

** Battery operated candles are available.

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

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

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

You are invited to join us tomorrow morning at 10:00am for our **Christmas Day
Worship Service.**

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.
Sunday School for adults begins at 11:30 am

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 26-30. The answering machine will be checked daily.
If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Green on her cell phone (716) 560-5204

Parsonage Open House – The Green Family is inviting everyone to stop by their home at
10 Rolling Meadow Drive for a Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 28th
from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

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Our Mission: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities

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 host 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,
Al-le-lu-ia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

