

# ARCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reconciling congregation

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24, 2016, 7:00 P.M.



Brass Ensemble  
Piano and Organ

### Order of Service for Christmas Eve

**Prelude** "Once in Royal David's City"

**Choral Introit** "Before the Marvel of this Night" Shalck

#### Greeting and Call to Worship

**Leader: To us, watchful and waiting, a gift slips into our midst.**

*Lider: Para nosotros, pendientes y esperando, un regalo llega en nuestros medios.*

People: A tiny child, born in a manger,

*Pueblo: Un niño pequeño, nacido en un pesebre*

**Leader: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets,**

*Lider: Un regalo de paz para almas en problemas y calles peligrosas*

People: A gift of joy to sad hearts and broken lives,

*Pueblo: Un regalo de gozo para corazones tristes y vidas quebrantadas*

**Leader: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed souls,**

*Lider: Un regalo de esperanza para rostros angustiados*

People: A gift of unconditional love to all.

*Pueblo: Un regalo de amor incondicional para todos/todas.*

**Leader: A gift from God, this tiny child**

*Lider: Un regalo de Dios, este pequeñito*

People: Opens our hearts and calls us to courageous worship and work in the world.

Pueblo: Abre nuestros corazones y llámanos a una adoración valiente y a trabajar en el mundo.

All: We give thanks to the Giver and welcome the Gift.

Tod@s: Damos gracias al Dador y le damos bienvenida a este Regalo.

**Opening Hymn #234 "O Come All Ye Faithful" vs. 1, 2, 3, 6**

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Church Candles

**Leader: In the beginning God said,**

**"Let there be light," and there was light.**

*Lider: En el principio dijo Dios, "Sea la luz" y fue la luz.*

People: The light of the world has come into the world  
and the night cannot overcome it.

*Pueblo: La luz del mundo ha llegado y las tinieblas de la noche no pueden superar la.*

**Leader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God.**

*Lider: En el principio fue la Palabra y la Palabra estaba con Dios.*

People: The Word put on humanity and lived among the people of the world.

*Pueblo: La Palabra se puso humanidad y vivió con nosotros.*

**Leader: Jesus was born in Bethlehem while shepherds  
watched their flocks and angels sang this song:**

*Lider: Jesus nació en Belen mientras los pastores velaban sus ovejas  
y los angeles cantaban:*

People: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace...!"

*Pueblo: "¡Gloria a Dios en las Alturas y Paz en la Tierra!"*

**Leader: Mary pondered and the magi wondered,**

*Lider: Maria reflexionaba y los Reyes Magos se questionaban*

People: God is with us! Let our light shine!

*Pueblo: ¡Dios esta con Nosotros! Dejemos la luz brillar!*

**Christmas Carol # 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**Scripture Lessons**

Sarah McNeill

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

**Choral Anthem** "Joseph Dearest" Joseph Mine Butler

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2:1-20

**Sermon** "There is Room!" Reverend Robin Hynicka

**Christmas Carol #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

## Spreading the Light

### The Christmas Offering

**Offertory** "What Child is This" arr. Haines

### \*Offertory Response 94 "The Doxology"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Presentation of the Gifts** (including the gift of the Icosahedron-a twenty sided polyhedron or snow globe from the Grace Café Community)

**Holy Communion** "O Holy Night" Adam

**Choral Anthem** "Carols of Joy" Thompson

### \*Circle of Candle Light

At the minister cue please sing the first verse of "Silent Night"  
(As the light is passed from one candle to the other, be careful not to tip a lighted candle, lest wax be spilled. Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame.)

**Christmas Carol** #240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**Benediction** The light is shining, the angels are singing,  
La Luz brilla, y los angeles cantan  
the shepherds are telling the good news to everybody.  
los pastores anuncian las buenas nuevas a todos  
Let us now go to shine, sing and tell the story ourselves!  
Nosotros también vamos a brillar, a cantar y a anunciar la historia!

**Postlude** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" arr. Brass Ensemble

**\*Please stand, if able.**

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### Guest Musicians:

*Avalon Nemeč, Nicholas Lenzi,  
Yuri Benjamin, Ethan Wolfe*

**Musical Director:** Adam Haines

**The Worship Leader:** Cathy Simpson

**The Altar Flowers** (see Christmas Garden insert)