

December 24, 2015

9:00pm

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

PRELUDE

“Comfort Ye” from Messiah  
*George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*  
Joseph Rondeau, soloist

“O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion” from Messiah  
*George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*  
Maggie Furtak, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Heike Werder

\***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 132 (PH)**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Lighting the Christ Candle

OPENING PRAYER

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still  
*Arr. Joey Hoelscher*

Second Lesson:

Isaiah 40:1-11

**Carol #134 (PH)**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM

O Holy Night  
*Adolphe Charles Adams (1803-1856)*  
*Arr. Randa Kirshbaum*  
Crosby Goshgarian, soloist

Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:46-55

**Carol #140 (PH)**

**What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest**

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

Mid Winter  
*Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 8-20

**Carol # 129 (PH)**

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol  
*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Heike Werder

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*(Pass the light to your neighbor. Tilt the unlit candle.)*

**HYMN** (*seated*)

**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! 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, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born.

*Please extinguish the candles and leave them in the baskets at the rear of the church after the postlude.*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*Sy Miller and Jill Jackson*

POSTLUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*\* You are invited to stand for the opening hymn.  
Please remain seated for the singing of the carols.*

*NCH stands for New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal) and PH stands for Pilgrim Hymnal (Red Hymnal).*

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pews to receive weekly emails or newsletters.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon, or need a hearing device. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at [www.needhamucc.org](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Deacons:* Stephanie Oddleifson

*Altar Guild:* Diana Conroy

*Flowers:* Connie Kaufman

*Readers:* Lee McNally, Sharmon Priaulx, Katherine Rock,  
Shawn Rock, Rob Dunlavey, Courtney Brennan

*Lights:* Brendan Rock

**A Blessed Christmas to You and Your Family.**

**On behalf of the Church, the Deacons extend to you our very best wishes for a blessed Christmas.**

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus