



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC
Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24, 2021 · 3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

A Christmas Prelude

E.S Kelly
Jye Hye Jung, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

Karen Kilty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2: 10-11)

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! (Luke 2: 14)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Red No. 132

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Karen Kilty

SUNG RESPONSE

When God Is a Child

Brian Wren & Joan Collier Fogg

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.**

**refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. (refrain)**

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Savior is born. (refrain)**

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. (refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karen Kilty

ANTHEM

Noel, Noel a Boy is Born

Natalie Sleeth
Ashayla & Alyla Brennan
Judy Bonnell, piano

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| SCRIPTURE | Luke 2 1-7 | Casey Brennan pew Bible pg. 889 |
| ANTHEM | <i>Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber</i> | Jodi Lindh Joyful Noise Alumni Choir Judy Bonnell, piano |
| PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE | | Karen Kilty |
| HYMN | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> | Red No. 134 Jye Hye Jung, organ |
| CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Were you there on That Christmas Night?</i> | Natalie Sleeth Joyful Noise Alumni Choir Judy Bonnell, piano |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:8-20 | Shay Brennan pew Bible pg. 889 |
| ANTHEM | <i>Night of Silence</i> | Daniel Kantor Joyful Noise Alumni Choir Judy Bonnell, piano |
| SCRIPTURE | Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-11 | Priscilla Curda pew Bible pgs.835; 836 |
| *HYMN | <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> | Red No. 138 |
| BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | <i>The First Noel</i> | Traditional English Carol |

(Please keep the center aisle clear until the acolytes have passed by.)

*Thank you to our worship liturgists and to all the choirs,
with a special thanks to the Joyful Noise Alumni Choir.*



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Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. Sunday School for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second hymn except on “First Sundays.”

***We share God’s love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.
No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here!***

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

***May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas
and a happy & healthy New Year!
—the Clergy, Staff, & Church Leaders***



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