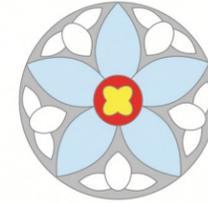


WELCOME  
TO



SAINT MARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**December 24, 2017**

**5:00 p.m.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Music During Communion

UMH No. 217

*Away in a Manger*

AWAY IN A MANGER

UMH No. 219

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

Prayer after Communion

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Blessing of the Nativity Scene

**God of every nation and people,**

**From the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love.**

**When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the virgin Mary.**

**To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.**

**Lord, bless all who look upon this manger.**

**May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him,**

**Who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

The Light of Christ (Lighting of the Candles)

*“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 hosts 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, Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

Benediction

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Postlude

*Toccata on Antioch*

Craig Phillips

*Welcome, Visitors!*

*We at Saint Mark are so glad you chose to worship with us this evening! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you will visit again in 2018!*

Part 3: Angels

Carol *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Offertory *All is Well* Smith, Kirkpatrick, and Larson  
Saint Mark Children’s Choir  
George Evans, Director

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Prayer  
Part 4: Shepherds

Carol *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Carol Part 5: Wise Persons and the Star

*“We Three Kings”*  
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Part 6: Conclusion

Carol *“Joy to the World”*  
Joy to the world; the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King:  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Family Christmas Program 2017

Welcome and Opening Introductions Sheila Stephens

Prelude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* John David Peterson

Lighting of the Christ Candle Santiba Clarke, Taylor, Jada, Gabby & Collin Ragland

\*Response *The Candle of Hope* - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

The Christ can - dle's light that shines for us here  
Tells out the good news that God has come near!  
God came, a poor ba - by, in one time and place,  
to show all cre - a - tion the wealth of God's grace.

THE NATIVITY

Part 1: Mary and Joseph

Carol *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*  
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Part 2: The Animals

Carol *“Do You Hear What I Hear”*  
Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?  
A star, a star, dancing in the night.  
With a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite.