

Brookline Community Church

UCC - UMC

December 24, 2018

4:00 & 7:00 pm

PRELUDE: New Beginnings

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

* **INTROIT: #173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Because Jesus came into the world that night in Bethlehem we can ask

All: Come into our homes and make them holy;

Leader: Come into our work and make it fruitful

All: Come into our minds and keep them clear,

Leader: Come into our lives and make them thrive.

All: Come quickly, Beloved Jesus, come.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE:

4:00pm **The Aitken Family**

7:00pm **The Levesque/Perkins Family**

ADVENT SONG: *Light the Christmas candles now, Sing of donkey, sheep and cow; Birthday candles for the King, Let the alleluias ring; Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* **CAROL: #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:2-7, p. 555

* **CAROL: #146 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-14, pp. 832-833

SERMON: "A Thriving Christmas Pageant"

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

* **DOXOLOGY: #809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE CANDLES (We have battery operated and regular candles, the choice is yours) We will form a circle around the outer walls of the sanctuary & sing:

* **CAROL: #164 "Silent Night! Holy 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.***

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

* Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome!

All who gather here are welcome and included in the church's prayers for God's abundant grace. There is warmth and fellowship for everyone. Please help to extend the rich blessings of this church by signing the guest book in the front vestibule.

Service Participants

Reverend Catherine A. Merrill

Minister

Musicians:

Peter Bretschneider	Vocals, Saxophone
Kristine Brock	Vocals, Flute, Guitar, Percussion
Carol Cherian	Vocals
Sanjay Cherian	Vocals, Guitar, Percussion
Clyde Ferrell	Vocals
Maria Hubert	Vocals
Chris Jones	Vocals
Jocelyn Jones	Vocals, Keyboard
Yifan Kang	Vocals, Keyboard
Megan King	Vocals
Jon King	Bass, Trombone & Percussion
Dave Larkin	Vocals, Trumpet
Charlene LeDoux	Cello
Melanie Levesque	Vocals
Mike Mancuso	Percussion
Cindy Perkins	Vocals
Emily Schult	Vocals
Gary Simmerman	Vocals, Keyboard
Derek Smith	Electric Guitar
Steve Tamulonis	Percussion, Vocals



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am