

# Brookline Community Church

UCC-UMC

December 24, 2022

5:00pm

Prelude

**\*Introit #155 *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Call To Worship

Leader: Emmanuel: God, you are with us.

**All: We have heard the promise of the prophets.**

Leader: We have caught the notes of an angel's song.

**All: We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.**

Leader: Tonight we have come to be with you because you have come to be with us.

**All: We seek an innocent, helpless baby in a crude manger;**

Leader: We seek a Messiah who will reign with justice;

**All: And you, who are the weakest and the strongest, the most humble and the most mighty, have found us.**

Leader: Now we may find ourselves.

**All: Now we may love each other, now we may truly worship you,**

**Everyone: Crying aloud with the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth and goodwill among all people." Amen.**

Lighting of the Christmas Candle – The Aitken 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

**\*Hymn #162 *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say, vv. 1-4***

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20, pp. 832-833

**Response: #820 *Threefold Amen (Danish)***

Reflection on the Scripture: The Light in the Manger

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

Anthem: *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**\* 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:

**#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

\* 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

Bill Dunbar

Minister

Lay Reader

Musicians:

Peter Bretschneider, Sanjay Cherian, Jon King, Jocelyn Jones, and John Panto.

*Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

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