

Our Worship Specialists

| | <u>Dec. 24, 2015</u> @ 2:00 p.m. | <u>Dec. 24, 2015</u> @ 7:00 p.m. | <u>Dec. 24, 2015</u> @ 10:45 p.m. |
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| Greeters | Jim & Julie Gross Sue & Al Hattel | Gary Reid, Marylin Conklin, Dave & Rhonda Kubik | The Crow Family Cheri Vahl |
| Advent Candle Lighters | The Stewart Family | Heather & Rob Williams & Family | The Crow Family |
| Liturgist | Terry Stewart | Brittany Drake | Matt Crow |
| Ushers | Jim & Julie Gross Sue & Al Hattel | Gary Reid, Marylin Conklin, Dave & Rhonda Kubik | The Crow Family Cheri Vahl |
| Children's Time | Pastor Lundula | Pastor Lundula | Pastor Lundula |
| Chimer | Larry Loeppke | Heather Williams | RRS Stewart |
| Projectionist | Paul Clark | Denny Brimeyer | Chris Kohlmann |
| Announcements/ Slides | Chris Kohlmann | Chris Kohlmann | Chris Kohlmann |
| Organist/Pianist | Dr. Charles Barland | Dr. Charles Barland | Dr. Charles Barland |

Staff:

Pastor—Rev. Dr. Okitakoyi Lundula
Youth Ministry Leader—Jessica DuBord
Administrative Assistant—Danielle Phillips

Music Directors:

Chancel Choir—Dr. Jeremy Mims **Children's Music**—Heather Williams
St. Luke's Singers—Keith Rippe **Chimers**—Larry Loeppke
Bell Choir Director—David Patterson **Word on the Third**—Praise Team
Wind Ensemble

Lead Organists/Pianists:

Dr. Charles Barland Helen Johnston

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

(Please note: If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the basket on the back table, hand it to an usher, or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!)

* Denotes the invitation to stand if able.

Prelude Christmas Carols Dr. Charles Barland
Lighting of the Candles —
Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship
Welcome/Announcements/Introductions/*Greetings

*Called to Worship

Invocation (from Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named:

All: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

All: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234

***Lighting of the Advent Candles** 2:00 The Stewart Family
7:00 Heather & Rob Williams & Family
10:45 Matt & Jennifer Crow & Family

All Readers: On this night, we come as the people of Hope, Welcoming All.
[Light 1st Candle]

We come as a People of Peace, Caring for All. [Light 2nd Candle]

We come as the People of Joy, Serving All. [Light 3rd Candle]

We come as the People Growing into God's Love. [Light 4th Candle]

Community: Led by Hope in a vision of Peace, we are filled with Joy and embraced by the Love of a newborn child,

Reader: Our open hearts are melted by God's unfailing generosity and grace.

Reader: Our open minds are overpowered by seeing God as a defenseless baby.

Reader: Our open doors welcome the Christ, the Hope of the World, in every person.

Community: Christ delivers to us the meaning of our lives.

All Readers: On this, the night of Love's Incarnation, Jesus dwells with us, through us, and in us. [Light Christ Candle]

***Advent Candle Hymn:** Open for YOU Lyrics by Larry Loeppke & John Woodin
Music and arr. by Nancy & John Woodin

Called to Community

Children's Time

This Is Where Children Belong

Jesus Loves Me

FWS 2233

UMH 191

Called to Community (cont)

Special Music 2:00 O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam
Andrea Beacham & Gina Pemberton, vocalists
7:00 O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam
Andrea Beacham & Gina Pemberton, vocalists
10:45 I Wonder as I Wander by John Jacob Niles
Chris Kohlman, flute; Keith Rippe, piano

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

Offertory 2:00 Gesu Bambino by Pietro Yon
Otto Krueger, trumpet

7:00 Let There Be Peace on Earth
Brittany Drake, vocalist

10:45 Gesu Bambino by Pietro Yon
Otto Krueger, trumpet

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Called to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (trespasses) UMH 895

A Response to Prayer: Away in a Manger (vs. 1&3) UMH 217

Called to Reflection

Epistle Reading: Titus 2:11-14

*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-18

And all God's people said: **Thanks be to God!**

*Reponse to the Scripture Reading: What Child Is This (vs. 1-2) UMH 219

Message: "Do Not Be Afraid . . ." Pastor Lundula

Hymn of Response: Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238

Called to Communion

Christmas Great Thanksgiving (from the UM Book of Worship, p 56)

2:00 Harp Performance Anita Wild

Lighting of Christmas Candles (Remain in your pew during the candle-lighting)

*Hymn of Christmas: Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239

*Benediction

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

*Sending Hymn Joy to the World (vs. 1&4) UMH 246

Postlude Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. James Denton
Dr. Charles Barland

Music from the Tower Chime (Let us depart to serve as we celebrate a Holy Christmas!)