

CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00 PM KNOX UNITED CHURCH



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and Donna Kennedy, *Communion Servers*

Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*
Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*
Rheana Slack, *Violin*
Knox Retro Hand Bell Ringers

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Please note that our sanctuary is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn it to the "T" position.

Thank you for remembering that Knox strives to be a SCENT FREE ZONE

In body or in spirit, please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

PRELUDE

O Holy Night ... Adolph Adam

MEDITATION

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

HANDBELL PROCESSIONAL:

Ding Dong Merrily On High

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather in the midst of this winter darkness
to remember the brilliant Source of Light
that first gave birth to the Universe.

All: **On this holy night, we recall the light
that filled the darkness of a night sky
when a child was born and the angels sang.**

One: We recall the light that shone from the star
that guided the wise to the Enlightened one,
full of truth and grace.

All: **May the same light of heaven shine on us tonight,
as once again we listen for the song of angels,
we wait with the wise for guidance from the starry heavens,
and like the Christ-child we remember that we too,
are heaven sent, full of potential
for truth and grace.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Francis and Lois Grill)

***CAROL:** Joy to the World 59VU

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

REFLECTION

***CAROL:** O Little Town of Bethlehem 64VU

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

One: In a world that tells you there is no room.....

All: **we come to discover a place at this Table.**

One: In a world that envies the rich and casts out the poor....

All: **the Christ-child welcomes all those who are searching.**

One: In a world that seeks to extinguish the light...

All: **may we become a Christ-light so filled with love
that we dispel a little of the world's darkness.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CAROL: Still, Still, Still 47VU

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CAROL:** Angels We Have Heard On High 38VU

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Sure on This Shining Night
Word by James Agee
Music by Morten Lauridsen

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

CANDLELIGHTING

Shirlene Donnelly on Native Flute

***CAROL:** Silent Night, Holy Night 67VU

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
...arr. by Jason Krug

Special thanks tonight to Rheana Slack for the beautiful inspiration of her violin and Shirlene Donnelly for her gift of music on the haunting native flute.

Thanks also to Donna Kennedy and our communion servers, to Dawn Smith for preparing the communion feast, and to the folks in the tech room for preparation for all three services on this Christmas Eve.

May everyone have a safe and blessed Christmastide!

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**Contemplative Candlelight & Communion  
Service**

***Sunday, December 24, 2017***