

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Is Born

*DOXOLOGY

UMH, No. 95

*HYMN

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

UMH, No. 236

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

Soloist, Brittany Harrison

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

UMH, No. 231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Lessons and Carols - Bethany United Methodist Chancel Choir

FIRST LESSON – Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus.

UMH 224 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* (Choir and congregation)

SECOND LESSON – Luke 2:1-7

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem to register for the census and Mary gives birth to Jesus.

UMH 234 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (Choir and congregation)

THIRD LESSON – Luke 2:8-18

The angels tell the shepherds to go to Bethlehem.

UMH 238 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (Choir and congregation)

FOURTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

UMH 254 *“We Three Kings”* (Choir and congregation)

FIFTH LESSON – John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

UMH 246 *“Joy to the World”* (Choir and congregation)

Holy Communion

THE CONSECRATION OF THE GIFT FROM BETHLEHEM

THE GIVING OF CHRIST’S SON FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Prelude on “Silent Night”

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Sending Forth

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE SAVIOR

*HYMN

Silent Night

UMH, No. 239

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus, from “Messiah”

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Arr. Virgil Fox

“Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
Hallelujah!

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom
Of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign
For ever and Ever, Hallelujah!

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall

Reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah!"

- *Revelation XIX: 6, XI: 15, XIX:16*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Art Wolz

*Please stand as you are able

Single Service this Sunday

Please note that there is only one service this Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Also, Sunday school will not be held.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

On January 1, 2012 we will have an informal service of worship and sharing. There will be one service at 11 am. We will gather in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Be thinking about some talent you have and consider sharing it with the congregation. **No Sunday School.**

Merry Christmas