

**Richardson Park  
United Methodist Church  
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry***

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."  
Mark 16:15 NRSV



*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*

# RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 24, 2018

4:30 p.m.

PRELUDE      "What Child is This"      Fantasy on Greensleeves  
R. Vaughan Williams

### WELCOME AND GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"      UMH 234

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good news! Unspeakable joy!

**People: A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!**

Leader: A child is born for us – a son has been given!

**People: Bringing a kingdom of endless peace, we shall call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!**

Leader: Come, let us see what God has brought us! Let us see what the Lord has done! Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And on earth, peace and good will to all! AMEN.**

### OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One, you have appeared in the flesh, bringing redemption to all, your glory is made known in this newborn child, this living, blessed hope. Tonight we sing a new song – a song of justice, righteousness, and endless peace. Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome you! Let love be born anew in our hearts on this joyous night. AMEN.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor Carolyn

Reader: "While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2:6-7).

Reader: Tonight, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

**People: Tonight we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth -- regardless of circumstances -- reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.**

Reader: On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know . . . He is born and nothing will ever be the same!

CHILDREN'S TIME Miss Beth  
Special Music by our Sunday School Children  
Ring the Bells  
O Little Town of Bethlehem featuring Gabby Lang and Emma Warfel  
Happy Birthday, Jesus Carol Joy Cymbala  
Soloist, Emma Warfel  
Please join in singing Words on Screens

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL "Away in a Manger" UMH 217

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Carolyn

CALL TO PRAYER "What Child is This" UMH 219

Prayers of the People  
Silent Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH 895

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"He Is Born"

UMH 228

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

VIDEO

"Angel Tells Shepherds the Good News"

MESSAGE

"Where's the Line to See Jesus"

Pastor Carolyn

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Silent Night"

UMH 239

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH 238

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *GLORIA*



The poinsettias decorating the Sanctuary are given to the *Glory of God*.

*In honor of*

**Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Mother** by Leslie and Bill Lacombe  
**Frank Shaffer, Jr., Kyle Shaffer, Corey Weaver, Zach Shaffer, Evan Shaffer and Marlee Shaffer** by Paul Weaver  
**Helen Long** by Roger Longest  
**Helen Long and Hunter Saunders** by Jessica Saunders  
**My father-in law and mother-in-law, Wilson and Helen Green** by Janis Williams

*In loving memory and honor of*

**Our loved ones – past, present and future** by Dave and Kathy Rogers  
**Johnson Bair and Mary Alice Bair** by Dot Brogan  
**Family and Friends** by Phyllis and Bob Thomas  
**Our parents – Dick and Loretta George and William and Joy Aurelio** by Sherlynn and Bill Aurelio

*In loving memory of*

**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nafzinger** by Clyde and Carolyn  
**Mr. and Mrs. George Howell** by Clyde and Carolyn  
**Ruth A. Woodward** by Clyde and Carolyn  
**Ralph E. Hopkins Sr.** by family  
**Mr. and Mrs. Rawlins Pardee** by Carolyn

## In loving memory of (Cont'd.)

**Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hopkins** by Carolyn  
**Nevin W. Shewbrooks, Father** by Leslie and Bill Lacombe  
**Nevin W. Shewbrooks, Husband** by Anna Mae Shewbrooks  
**Roberta C. and Carroll A. Truitt** by Bob Truitt  
**Shirley T. and C. Robert Godfrey** by Bob Truitt  
**Elizabeth and Norman McCallister** by Ellen Willard  
**Helen Farra** by Ellen Willard  
**Branson Frye and Jay Cummings, Jr.** by Fred and Mary Zwiebel  
**John H. Maloney, Sr.** by John H. Maloney, Jr.  
**Effie M. Lefevre** by John H. Maloney, Jr.  
**Marie Bennett and Sue Housel** by Sandy and Ed Ide  
**Frank, Agnes and Edna Ide** by Sandy and Ed Ide  
**Ralph, Bea and Skip Bennett** by Sandy and Ed Ide  
**Brian Schieferstein** by Sandy and Ed Ide  
**Deceased members of the Crozier and Thomas families** by  
Gail Eney  
**Dorothy and Charles Dickey** by Charlene Workman  
**Bruce, Ada and Bob** by Charlene Workman  
**Ralph W. Scarborough** by Dorothy Scarborough  
**Joilyn Marie Snapp and Earle Snapp** by Mrs. Shirley Snapp and  
family  
**Joyce Collins** by Bob Collins  
**Arthur and Marie Hoch** by Bob and Karen Collins and Michelle  
Daoust  
**Our mom, Joyce Collins** by Robert, Alicia, David and Andrea  
Collins  
**Our Mom Mom, Joyce Collins** by Paige, Chase, Ava, Braden and  
Bryson Collins  
**Joyce Toy, Rick Cleaver and CPL. Christopher Shea DSP** by  
Bob and Karen Collins  
**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asquith** by Dot Brogan  
**Jane Asquith** by Dot Brogan  
**Jeanne and L. William Thomas** by Susan Sayers  
**Rev. Thomas C. Short** by Susan Sayers

## In loving memory of (Cont'd.)

**Muriel and Cliff Campbell, parents** by Beth Robinson and Laurie Kalamchi

**Richard E. Crozier and Richard F. Crozier** by Alvretta Crozier

**Parents, Thomas and Alvretta Edwards** by Alvretta Crozier

**Clara and Alfred Crozier** by Alvretta Crozier

**My husband, Johnson Bair** by Mary Alice Bair

**Leonard Carpenter** by the Collins family

**Charles and Lavinia Asquith, parents** by Mary Alice Bair

**Marion Tebbutt** by Fran Tebbutt

**Madeline McLaughlin** by Fran Tebbutt

**Linda Moffett** by Fran Tebbutt

**John Hall** by Fran Tebbutt

**Parents, Gertrude and Eldred Marris** by Tony and Glenda Donnelly and family

**Parents, Jane and Anthony Donnelly** by Tony and Glenda Donnelly and family

**Parents and Grandparents** by Mike and Ruth Phillips

**Janet and Clayton Weaver** by Paul Weaver

**Jack Townsend** by Paul Weaver

**Frank Shaffer, Sr.** by Paul Weaver

**Edison A. Longest** by Roger Longest

**Sylvia Longest** by Roger Longest

**Edison Longest and Sylvia Longest** by Jessica Saunders

**French Long** by Jessica Saunders

**Luna Blue Hartman** by Jessica Saunders

**My mother and father, Edison and Sylvia Longest** by Janis Williams

**My husband, Victor Williams** by Janis Williams

**Audrey, Francis and Dwight Rash** by Susan Rash Watkins

**J. Frank and Naomi Pugh** by Frank and Patricia Pugh

**Christopher Younker** by Donna and Robert Younker

**Edwin A. Bollinger** by Carol Ewing

**Edward and Ruth Locke** by Robert and Richard Locke

**Leonard P. Gibney** by Lynn and Bryant Lafferty

**Ruth T. Gibney** by Lynn and Bryant Lafferty



May the peace  
and joy that  
Christmas brings...  
always be with you  
and your family!

Merry Christmas!