

A very Merry Christmas to all of you from First Congregational Church.

We hope your Christmas is filled with the joys of home and family,
warmed by the blessings of friendship,
and touched with the beauty of the season.

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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WAUWATOSA

Candlelight Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2017 – 10:00 PM

*\*Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.*

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*Like the shepherds, let us find Christ among us!*

PRELUDE

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?*

Variations by Franklin D. Ashdown

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

\*CAROL 100

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father, we come to Bethlehem on this silent night to gather around the manger to see this wondrous thing of which we have heard. We come to worship the baby born to be a king. Make us worthy to receive your gift of grace, O God. And let us go from this place renewed in our hope and our faith. May we share your gift of love and peace with all we meet. Hear us now as we pray together the words that Jesus taught us...**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Chris & Karen Mason

THE PROPHECY

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

CAROL 92 - *seated*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

verses 1, 2 & 4

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

THE ANNUNCIATION

CHOIR

*Gabriel to Mary Came*

14th Century tune, arr. by David Willcocks

**THE THIRD LESSON**

**Luke 1:26-38**

CHOIR

*In a Manger*

by Patricia Mock

AT THE MANGER

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

**Luke 2:1-7**

TRIO

*Still, Still, Still*

German Carol, arr. by Joyce Elaine Eilers

Alexa Doebele, Jill Bruss & Patrick Dill

THE SHEPHERDS ON THE HILLSIDE

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

**Luke 2:8-20**

SOLO

*The Wexford Carol*

Trad. Irish Carol, arr. by Richard Walters

Jill Bruss

THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

**THE SIXTH LESSON**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

CAROL 148 - *seated*

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

verses 1, 2 & 5

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“The Light of Hope”

Rev. Trump

CHRISTMAS PRAYER [choral response]

OFFERTORY

*I Wonder as I Wander*

arr. by Mark Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY [No. 563]

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS - *seated*

**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 host 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.**

\*THE POSTLUDE

*Silent Night: An Interlude for Christmas*

Charles Black