

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2014 -10:00 p.m.

Prelude

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies

Liang (China)

*** Call to Worship**

L: This is a night to rejoice and sing!

P: To raise our voices in praise of the Holy One!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

P: As we celebrate the wonder of God's coming to us!

L: Let us marvel in the gift of Holy Love,

P: Wrapped-up for the world and placed in a manger.

L: May the Light of the Christ Child shine on our world tonight!

All: May the Light of Christ's love shine in our hearts forever!

*** The Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye , O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. [Refrain]

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Creative Holy One, on this Holy Night we joyously celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with songs of praise and stories of old. Inspire our hearts and energize our voices to sing and speak of Christ's love wherever we may be. Help us to trust that love is stronger than fear, that peace is more enduring than hatred, and that darkness can never overcome the Light. Renew our visions of a world

filled with your compassion and grace, and inspire us to help make that vision a reality. This we pray in the name and Spirit of Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle [from *Isaiah* Chapter 9]

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who dwelt in the land of deep shadow, upon them has a light shined!

L: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

P: And the government shall be upon his shoulders;

L: And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

P: On this holy night, a light shines through the darkness.

L: It is the Light of Christ, the Light of Love!

P: Christ comes to warm our hearts and to show us the way.

L: Illuminate our lives, O Holy One, that we may receive you with joy!

All: Fill us with Your Spirit that your Holy Light may shine in us and through us!

The Reading

Luke 2:1-7

The Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#133

The Reading

Luke 2:8-14

The Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

#125

The Reading

Luke 2:15-20

The Carol

What Child is This

#148

The Word

Were You Born in a Barn?

Pastor Dave Shackle

Choir Anthem

Let Our Gladness Have No End 15th century Bohemian carol

Christmas Offering

The Offertory

**We praise the Babe this time of year,
Sing carols to him whom we hold dear.
Our love, His power we now proclaim,
We send our gifts in Jesus's name. Amen!**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Blessing

*** Sharing the Light of Christ**

***The Carol**

Silent Night

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 hosts 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.

*** Benediction**

*** The Carol**

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord has come;
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his, love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

The Postlude

A Child This Day

Traditional English carol

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book.

OUR OFFERING TONIGHT will go to The Christmas Fund, to be use by the United Church of Christ Board of Pensions to augment small pensions of retired clergy and lay workers, and also to support an emergency fund for UCC pensioners retired lower-income clergy and lay employees.

TOMORROWW - CHRISTMAS MORNING The Community of St. Bridget, the group that worships here on Saturdays at 5 pm, will be celebrating Christmas with a service in our Sanctuary at 10 am. All BUCC members and friends are welcome to join them. St. Bridget's is a progressive and inclusive Family of Faith, who - like our family - extend Christ's welcome to the Communion Table to all who are present. Our own Kate Klonowski's mom, Ann, will be leading the worship service.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION from Dec. 25th to Jan. 5th. **PASTOR DAVID DURKET** has graciously offered to be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. He can be reached at Fellowship UCC [440-944-7240] or by cell phone [216-832-3456].



2014 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Anonymous

In Memory of the Lost but Not Forgotten.

Julie Bernard &
Linda Kriynovich

In Memory of Tony, Julie & Lori Gorenc.

Bob & Caroline
Chandler

In Memory of Lucille Collison, Ruth Rice & others – Gone but Not Forgotten.

Joanne Cook

In Memory of my Husband Skip, Parents, and Twin Sister Jeanne.

Jane & Cliff
Cribbs

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Jeanne Cowden

In Memory of Husband, Jim.

Marjorie Culver

In Memory of my Husband Dick, and Brothers-in-Law Ron & Carlton.

Jim & Peg Duffy

Thanks to the Light that Alex, Indy, Evy, and Bash bring to our Family.

Dottie & Jim Farwell

In Memory and Honor of our Parents.

Anna Mary Fisher

In Memory of my Sister Dorothy and her Husband Jack.

<u>Dorie Gabor</u>	<i>In Memory of my Husband, Steven Gabor, my Parents, and Siblings.</i>
<u>Joy Garapic</u>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>
<u>Diane Gressley</u>	<i>In Memory of Emma & Evan Gressley.</i>
<u>Phyllis Hassler</u>	<i>In Memory of Frank Hassler.</i>
<u>Diane Lightbody</u>	<i>In Honor of the Duda and Lightbody Family – here, and in their Heavenly Home.</i>
<u>Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters</u>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<u>Anne Melfo & Doug Fawcett</u>	<i>In Honor of Family & Friends we will miss this year.</i>
<u>Phyllis Molnar</u>	<i>In Memory of George & Bertha Ulsenheimer, my Parents, and Edward Molnar, Husband.</i>
<u>Novak Family</u>	<i>In Memory of Wesley Novak, Pamela Novak, Jason Copp, and all of those who live on in our Hearts & Minds.</i>
<u>Bettina Ortiz</u>	<i>In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph, & Timothy</i>
<u>Fred & Connie Pesek</u>	<i>In Memory of our Parents.</i>
<u>Eric Rahnenfuehrer</u>	<i>In Honor of Jan & Marjorie Rahnenfuehrer.</i>
<u>Max Roha</u>	<i>In Loving Memory David J. Roha, Mary C. Roha, and Lois L. Wallin.</i>
<u>Miriam R. Rosewicz</u>	<i>In Memory of Family Members, and Loved Ones.</i>

George & Carole
Snider

In Memory of our good Friend and Lovely Person, Debbie Busta.

Vicki Szabo

In Loving Memory of Vic Szabo.

Jon K. Thompson

In Memory of my Family, Gone but not Forgotten.

Bill & Anne Toneff

In Memory of Elizabeth & C.C. Thornton, and Vera & Milan Toneff

Donn Whyte

In Memory of Wayne Whyte.

The Joe Wilson
Family

*In Memory of Norinne F. Brownlow, and John M. Brownlow, Sr.
& Randall P. Trefzger.*

Bill & Sherrill Witt

*In Honor of Shirley Duncan & the Late Arch Duncan. In Memory
of Bill & Mary Witt. In Memory of Jane R. Witt. In Memory of the
Peart & Bishop Families. In Honor of all the Members of BUCC.*

Jill Zedan

For all those whose hearts are struggling this Christmas Season.