

Peterborough United Methodist Church

*Those who are able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE works by Bach

GATHERING The Snow Lay on the Ground TFWS 2093

*THE BIDDING PRAYER UMC Book of Worship 1992

*THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH 895**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE www.umcdiscipleship.org

Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible OT pg 649

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,[a]

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

The Advent Candles and Christ candle are lit by the children

One: O Finality.
O final Light.
O luminous One,

All: Outshining lamp, stars and sun.

One: O End of Night.
O Day's Light without ending.
O Light, all light,

All: Outshining lamp, stars and sun.

One: Break forth, O heavenly Light, and reign to the ages of ages.
Shine forever and let no more greed or hatred near.
Illumine and save all creation,

All: Outshining lamp, stars and sun.

One: O Light, we shall see face to face.
O Radiancy, we shall ever bear upon our foreheads.
O Splendor of Love, the world of greed and hatred ending,

All: Outshining lamp, stars and sun.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*BLESSING

**The Almighty God bless us with divine grace,
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
And unto the fellowship of the citizens above
May the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

God announces in the Garden of Eden

Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion

and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Pew Bible OT pg 3

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196**

SECOND LESSON

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the
earth will obtain blessings.

Genesis 22:15-18 Pew Bible OT pg 17

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1,2,4,7) UMH 211**

THIRD LESSON

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Pew Bible OT pg 600

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (stanzas 1,2) UMH 216**

FOURTH LESSON

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and
peace for all God's creation.

Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9 Pew Bible OT pg 602 or Micah 5:2-5a Pew Bible OT pg 815

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **Toda La Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting) UMH 210**

FIFTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to
Gods promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

Luke 1:26-35,38 Pew Bible NT pg 53

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **My Soul Gives Glory to My God UMH 198**

SIXTH LESSON

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible NT pg 54

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **In the Bleak Midwinter (stanzas 1, 2 and 3) UMH 211**

SEVENTH LESSON

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a
manger.

Luke 2:8-16 Pew Bible NT pg 54

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **The First Noel (stanzas 1, 2) UMH 245**

EIGHTH LESSON

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Matthew 2:1-11 Pew Bible NT pg 1

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

CAROL **We Three Kings UMH 254**

NINTH LESSON

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14 Pew Bible NT pg 86

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**

*CAROL **O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234**

- (While we are singing, you are invited to come and light your candle
from the Christ Candle)

*Lights Dim **Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239**

*COLLECT Book of Worship 1944, Alt.

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season
when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day
And that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.

Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.,

Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hears.

Glory to God in the highest,'

And on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



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A Christmas Eve Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service Program

Pastor Lena Mark

Sunday, December 24, 2017, 7 p.m.

If you are a first time visitor please see the welcome card in
your pew for more details and tips. Welcome!

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