



~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

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

PRELUDE

Organist

INTROIT

Choir

WELCOME

Pastor Lena

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

Great is the Lord, **and greatly to be praised!**

~*GATHERING **Angels From the Realm of Glory** **UMH 220**

MINISTRY MOMENTS

Opening Prayer re:worship.blogspot.com

Liturgist

O God of love,

you have brought us together this day
and blessed us with your very self.

Open our eyes to the light of Christ

which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy,

pain and loss; a world separated from you.

Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation.

Bring us into the wonder of your presence.

Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM

Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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Liturgist

Liturgist: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world.

Children light the 4 advent candles

Liturgist: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth.

People : God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine with your grace. Amen.

All: Shine on us, O God of justice;

Guide our path through gloom of night;

Bear within us Wisdom's glory;

Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Glory be to God and peace on earth

Christ is born! Alleluia!

~*HYMN **Love Came Down at Christmas** **UMH 242**

~JOYS AND PRAISES

Congregation

How is grace changing you, and/or how you see the world?

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist

Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible OT pg 600 and

Titus 2:11-14 Pew Bible NT pg 202

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Choir

OFFERING

Organist

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

*DOXOLOGY "Traditional Old 100th" **UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God (or him) all creatures here below;
Praise God (or him) above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.)

Prayer of Dedication

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God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of this season of giving, You gave us a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give.

Accept these gifts, and ourselves in service always, in every season. In the name of your Son we pray...

~*THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~*HYMN

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne FWS 2100

PRAYERS AND CONFESSIONS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

Breakthrough, Community, Healing, Families, Guidance, Provision, Safe Travel

Please say: God, in your mercy, **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION: "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room"

Scripture Focus: Psalm 98

~*HYMN

Joy to the World UMH 246

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

UMC Book of Worship 1992

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, Fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Three-In-One Be upon you and remain with you always. Amen!

~POSTLUDE

Organist



PETERBOROUGH
United Methodist Church



Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room Christmas Eve Service Program

Pastor Lena Mark

Sunday, December 24, 2017

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