

LOCH RAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2011
7:00 PM

Gathering Thought: There was no room in the inn for Jesus.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”* Hymnal, p.204
 Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
 God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

People: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* Hymnal, p.234 (vs.1,2,3,6)

OPENING PRAYER (Seated and in unison)

Almighty God, bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the newborn King. May the Word, sent from God through the prophets, lead us to the way of salvation.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *“Owed to Joy”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible, p. 555

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* Hymnal, p. 230

SECOND LESSON Luke 2: 1-20 Pew Bible, p. 832

CHRISTMAS SERMON *“Room in the Inn”* Pastor Cliff

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

“Ave Maria” by Franz Schubert

Sam Chin, soloist
Hymnal, p. 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!**

CANDLELIGHTING

*LITANY

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

People: A light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.

Leader: Jesus says, “You Christians are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

People: In the same way, let your light shine before all people, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

(Tip unlighted candle to receive the flame from one already lit and pass the light to others in your pew the same way. As your candles are lighted, we will sing :)

*HYMN

“SILENT NIGHT”

Hymnal, p. 239

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.

Silent night, Holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light,
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Cliff

[Please extinguish your candle following the prayer of dedication.]

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Joy to the World”

Hymnal, p. 246

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A special welcome to all of our guests this evening. If you presently have no church home, we hope you will consider making Loch Raven Church your home.

If you are seated at the end of the pew, we ask that you would fill out the attendance pad located there and pass it to the next person.

Sunday, December 25, 2011
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

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