

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2018

6:00 PM

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE	“What Child is This?”	Tommy Midgett
WELCOME		
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE		Seals Family
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Carol of the Manger”	Chancel Choir
CHRISTMAS PRAYER		No. 231
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Matt Seals
* PRAISE HYMNS	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1, 3, 6)	No. 240 No. 234
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Mary Did You Know?”	Resounding Praise

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING	“O Holy Night”	Chancel Choir
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Welcome to Our World”	Nathan & Mariah Schierer

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

* THE SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20	Pg. 596, 886
SERMON	<i>Prepare the Way: Arrive</i>	Matt Seals

HOLY COMMUNION		No. 12-15
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*The following Hymns will be sung during communion. Please join us in singing:*

Hymn 217: Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 2)	Hymn 219: What Child is This (vs. 1 & 3)
Hymn 230: O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1 & 4)	Hymn 245: The First Noel (vs. 1 & 2)

## SENDING FORTH

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT	“Silent Night”	<i>Words are printed to the side</i>
BENEDICTION		

\* PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

## Advent Reading (Lighting the Christ Candle)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

*God, you have shined your light upon your people, the light of peace, justice, and righteousness. God, we listen to the story of Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels, and join in celebrating the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world.*

**All: We, God’s people, welcome the arrival of the Christ child, Son of God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*On this Christmas Eve, we light this Christ candle acknowledging light has come into the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.*

**Repeat Verse 1 – Sung**

## 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.

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!



### The Christmas Offering tonight will be given to:

The 2018 Christmas Offering will support the restoration of parsonages and churches devastated by Hurricane Florence in September 2018. When wind and water closed many doors, churches, despite damage, remained open, serving the needs in their communities. We hope you will give to this very special Christmas offering to restore our churches to worship and ministry. Thank you for your gifts.

Make checks payable to **Mt. Olivet UMC & include 500261- Beacon - Christmas Offering, on the memo line.** Your church will send one check for the Christmas offerings received.