

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

## December 24, 2020 ~ Christmas Eve

### 10:00 AM

WELCOME		Nathan Schierer
CHRISTMAS CAROLS		Resounding Praise
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		Matt Seals
PRAYER		Emily Hall
SONG	“Mary Did You Know?”	Resounding Praise
READING OF THE WORD		Luke 2:1-20
MEDITATION	<i>Taking Gifts Back?</i>	Michelle Lewis
INVITATION TO THANKFULNESS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	“O Holy Night”	Nathan Schierer
LOVE FEAST		Matt Seals
PASSING OF THE LIGHT	“Silent Night”	All
BENEDICTION		



### The Christmas Eve Offering will be given to Ocracoke UMC

As our Christmas Outreach; we will be collecting donations for the Ocracoke UMC to rebuild their church and community. Any donation is tax deductible and can be made through Mt. Olivet. Make checks payable to **Mt. Olivet UMC** & include **Christmas Eve Offering**, on the memo line.

### **Want to give Online?**

Use the Online Giving tab at [www.mountolivetumc.org](http://www.mountolivetumc.org)  
or scan this QR code with your smartphone.



### The Love Feast

**Sung:** Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored; Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee. (JOHN CENICK)

**Prayer:** God of earth and heaven,  
Feed all your hungry children,  
Grant our spirits your grace,  
Given through immortal bread.  
Give us and the entire human race  
Through Jesus Christ,  
The sweetness of your pardoning grace,  
The manna of your love.

**As you share in this love feast reflect on these questions:**

What is God saying to me this night?  
What am I going to do in response to what God is saying?

**Song of Reflection**

*What Child Is This?*

**All Pray:**

O Holy God,  
On the eve of the birth of your Son Jesus  
We raise our Hallelujah's  
In celebration of the birth  
Of the one that will change the world.  
We thank you for the transformation  
That has already taken place  
On the inside of us, and that will continue.  
We thank you for the transformation  
That will take place in the world  
Because of the one that will be born  
Who feeds all people, and  
Grants, love, peace, joy, and hope  
To all.

We pray all these things in the name  
Of your Son Jesus Christ, who  
Will be born, is born, and is born again.

Amen.

## **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

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## **The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went  
Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

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## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild god and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

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## **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

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## **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!