

**Christmas Eve
Family Service
December 24, 2011 5:30 PM**

**Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church**

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*Our Mission is to change people's lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Opening Song

"The First Noel"

#245, vs. 1-3

Call to Worship

L: Unto us a Child is born!

P: ***Christ is born today!***

L: Unto us a Son is given!

P: ***Christ is born today!***

L: For our world, our time, our needs,

P: ***Christ is born today!***

L: For our wants, our fears, our sins,

P: ***Christ is born today!***

L: For our joy, our peace, our hope,

P: ***Christ is born today!***

L: Glory to God in the highest,

All: *and peace to His people on earth!*

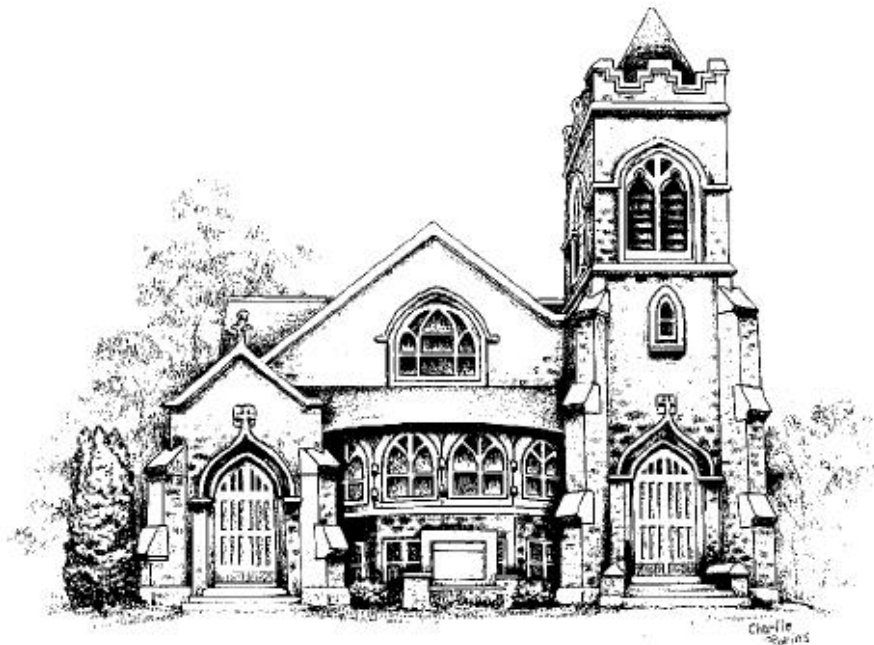
Opening Prayer

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love 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. Amen.

Hymn

"The First Noel"

#245, vs. 4 -5



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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Christ Is Born Today

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| Luke 2:1-3 Hymn | "O Come, All Ye Faithful" | #234, vs. 1-2 |
| Luke 2: 4-5 Hymn | "O Come, All Ye Faithful" | #234, vs. 3-4 |
| Luke 2: 6-7 Hymn | "What Child is This" "Away in the Manger" | #219, vs. 1 #217, vs. 1 |
| Luke 2: 7 Hymn | "Away in the Manger" | #217, vs. 2-3 |
| Luke 2:8 Hymn | "Angels We Have Heard on High" | #238, vs. 1-2 |
| Luke 2:9-12 Hymn | "Angels We Have Heard on High" | #238, vs. 3-4 |
| Luke 2: 13-14 Anthem | "All Is Well" by Smith & Kirkpatrick | |
| Luke 2:15-16 Hymn | "Come Little Children" | #3055 |
| Luke 2: 17-20 | | |

Christmas Prayer

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Christmas Offering "O Holy Night"

Doxology

Candle Light and Community

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, loves 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!

Liturgists
Randy Belseth
Donna Moody
Sam Hall
Arielle Wilson

*The red poinsettias are given in loving memory of our parents Leroy S. "Buster"
and Elizabeth Allard by Joan Bostock and Jeff Allard.*