

**Christmas Day
A Service of Carols and Readings
December 25, 2011 11:00 AM**

**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 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* **#240, vs. 1**

The Candles of Christmas

L: As we light these candles today, we thank God for the hope God gives us, for the peace God bestows, for the joy God pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

P: *We thank God for his gift of Jesus. We thank God that through Christ, God's has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. Jesus' truth, his love, his very self, transforms all who receive him!*

Light the Advent candles and the Christ candle

All: *Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may he be born in us, and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy and the love we heard about during Advent, be fully realized in us as we worship today and as we serve you through Jesus, now and for evermore. Amen.*

Hymn *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* **#240, vs. 2-3**

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church



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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading *Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7*
 Luke 1: 46-55

Carol *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"* **#211, vs. 1-2**

Reading *Micah 5: 2*
 Luke 1: 26-35

Carol *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"* **#211, vs. 3-4**

Anthem *"All is Well" by Smith & Kirkpatrick*

Reading *Luke 2: 8-20*
Carol *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* **#251**

Reading *Matthew 2: 1-5, 7-11*

A Christmas Reflection *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Christmas Offering *"If I Could Visit Bethlehem"* **#3063**

Doxology

A Time For Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer...

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.

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"God Rest You Merry Gentleman"* **#3052**

Sending Forth

L: As you go, make a joyful noise to God with all the earth, sing joyous songs of praise, let the trumpets blast, the seas roar and the mountains sing. For God has come among us, and love is born within us today, Hallelujah!

All: *May God be the song we sing, Jesus Christ be the melody on our hearts, and may the Spirit be the breath in our lungs. We go in the peace of Christ. Amen.*

Hymn *"Joy To The World"* **#246**

Bringing the Light Into the World

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