



*Blessed is the
season which
engages the
whole world in
a conspiracy of
love.*

-Hamilton Wright Mabie

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019

11:00 p.m. service

Shadow Rock UCC

A Celebration of Christmas
December 24, 2019 11:00 p.m.

Chorale Prelude

Shared by The Cornerstone Chorale

Lord's A-Coming, We're Awaiting

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Call to Worship

Led by Judi Adams



One: No one is ever really ready for Christmas.
If we were really all prepared:
if every gift we had contemplated had been obtained;
if every present was beautifully beribboned;
if all the goodies our friends deserve were baked and
cooled, and stored just so;
if each and every person we love was gathered for our
celebration;
if we never snapped at someone we care about, nor
stopped short of being all that we could be ...
We truly would be ready - and truly we would not
need Christmas quite so much.

So come, Christmas, most needed of seasons.

All: Come Christmas!
Come, Love,
Come, Hope. Be born in our unready hearts on this
silent and holy night.

Singing Our Faith

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Please stand if comfortably able

by John Francis Wade

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels,
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
(Repeat Chorus)

Opening Prayer

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman



A Word About Life

Shared by Judi Adams

Luke 2: 1-20

Special Music

Shared by The Cornerstone Chorale

Coventry Carol

by Jay Rouse

A Christmas Prayer

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Call to Offering

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

This evening's offering will replenish the Pastor's Charitable Fund. This fund is used in time of crisis and has provided groceries, utilities, rent assistance, and car repairs. Additionally, the fund has been used to help families bridge a financial gap between periods of employment, thus preventing situations of homelessness. These things are done in the name of Shadow Rock UCC and can only be done because of your support. In every instance we do our best to maximize the stewardship of your support to the Pastor's Charitable Fund. You have given generously every year and many people are grateful. Thank You!



One: Life is a gift and we its celebration.

All: May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.

One: Every time we offer up our gifts, we are sharing the wondrous gift of ourselves. May the recipients of these offerings be embraced with God's love.

The Offering and Offertory

Shared by The Cornerstone Chorale

Comfort and Joy

by Ruth Morris Gray

Dedication of Our Gifts

Led by Judi Adams

One: God of Light, we dedicate ourselves and these gifts for service in the world.

All: May we be beacons of love and justice in a darkened world, shining your light on the poor and needy, the victims of oppression and violence, and all living in places in need of your light.

Christmas Message

Rev. Ken Heintzeman

Special Music

Shared by The Cornerstone Chorale

Rejoice! Christ is Born!

Arranged by Joseph M. Martn

Candle Lighting Instructions

If you would like to participate but did not pick up a candle when you came in, raise your hand and let an usher bring you a candle. **You can light your candle by tipping your unlit candle to the flame of the person next to you.** As we share the candle lighting portion of our service, each family decides who will hold the candles. Please be mindful of the safety of your family and the people around you.

Call to the Light

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Candle Lighting Movement

Candle Song by Julie Tuttle and Forrest Bachtel

Word for the Light

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Silent Night, Holy Night

by Franz Gruber

(Sing three verses, hum one verse, repeat first verse only.)

1. 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.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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3. Silent night! Holy night! Child 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.

Please follow the ushers' direction when exiting.

Take the Light Out into the World

Go now in joy, building, living in, and enjoying a
community full of light and love.

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