

Annandale United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2014 ~ 7 and 11 p.m.

VOLUNTARY

"Gesú Bambino"

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Justin Dean, piano; Laura Cook, flute

GREETING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.

Leader: Let us go with those who are wise:

People: Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

Leader: Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh; let us go with those who are humbled by life:

People: Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

Leader: Let us go with our friends and family, let us go with our neighbors and with strangers, let us go with all the children of God:

People: Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

Leader: O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem

ALL: O come, let us adore him! Christ the Lord!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymnal No. 238

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

7 p.m. Ruhter Family, 11 p.m. Pearson Family

Leader: "While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger".

Reader: Tonight, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

People: Tonight we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth -- regardless of circumstances -- reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.

Reader: On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know . . . He is born and nothing will ever be the same!

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"O, Holy Night"

Adam

Pat and Margaret Vaughn, duet (7 p.m.)
Jessica Irish and Margaret Vaughn, duet (11 p.m.)

+DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymnal No. 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

7 p.m.

"Hope-full"

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Carrillo

11 p.m.

"The Birth of Hope"

Dr. Brown

+HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

Hymnal No. 217

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have come from different directions seeking the great light. We have seen signs and dreamed dreams, followed your light to have an encounter with you. We come with a humble and joyful heart for you have sent a child for us. This shows your love towards us. Forgive us we pray in times when there is doubt in our hearts. Teach us to be true Disciples of Christ and anoint us to bear the light wherever we go. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

+THE PEACE

ANTHEM	7 p.m.	<i>"Angels from the Reams of Glory"</i>	Forrest Adult Choir
	11 p.m.	<i>"Angels' Carol"</i>	Rutter Adult Ensemble

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal No. 17
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC 7 p.m. Justin Dean, piano; Laura Cook, flute
11 p.m. *"The First Noel"* Forrest
"Never a Brighter Star" Adult Ensemble

SENDING FORTH

+CANDLE LIGHTING AND SHARING THE LIGHT

+RECESSIONAL HYMN *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* Hymnal No. 239

+POSTLUDE Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able

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