

# Asbury United Methodist Church

December 24, 2018

**Greeting** Lynn Corrow, piano

**Opening Prayer** (by Pastor)

**Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 (v1)

**Call to Worship**

He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!

**Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!**

He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!

**Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.**

O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!

**We are ready to receive you in our lives! AMEN.**

**Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (all) #234

**Lighting of Advent Candles**—Asbury Bells playing "Silent Night"

**Unison Prayer**

**Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have**

**everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we ourselves need to be ready. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. AMEN.**

**Hymn** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (1, 4) #220

**Luke 2:1-5**

**Hymn** "There's a Song in the Air" (1, 4) #249

**Luke 2:6-7**

**Asbury Chancel Choir** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**Luke 2:9-14**

**Hymn** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (1, 4) #218

**Luke 2:15-18**

**Hymn** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (1, 4) #230

**Offering** Christmas music on piano

**Doxology**

## **Children's Time with Jennifer**

**Sermon** "The Peace of Christ"

**Hymn** "Joy to the World" (1, 2) #246

**Light Candles to Piano Music or choir**

**Hymn** "Silent Night" (1, 4) #239

## **Benediction, Blessing, Commission**

**May the light that began at creation, continued through the witness of the prophets, and has come to fullness at the Birth of Jesus Christ , be in your hearts and minds this evening. As you go from this place may your spirits be filled with joy and hope; for God's precious Light has been given for you. Go in Peace and know that God's peace always goes with you.**