



Murphysboro United Methodist Church

***CHRISTMAS EVE***

***CHRISTMAS - WHITE***

***CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE***

December 24, 2018 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Chorus:** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Hymnal #204

**Prelude:** "Joy to the World"

**Light of Christ Enters**

*Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.*

**The Greeting**

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal #240

**\*\*Invocation** Please see projection

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Please see projection

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope,  
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness  
To show us the way of salvation  
O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Congregation Response**

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way,  
May the Word sent from God through the prophets  
Lead us to the way of salvation  
O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Congregation Response**

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy,  
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,  
Make us rejoice in our hope of salvation  
O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Congregation Response**

L: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace,  
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,  
Make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy  
O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Congregation Response**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world  
A light no darkness can extinguish.

### **Children's Moments**

Reading of the Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

**\*\*Hymn:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymnal #238

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:16 and Luke 1:26-33

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Christmas Meditation:** "A Charlie Brown Christmas Meditation"  
Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Handbell Choir:** "Away in a Manger" James R Murray  
arr Cathy Moglebust  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Cathy Moglebust

### **Service of Passing the Light of Christ**

**\*\*Hymn:** "Silent Night, Holy Night" Hymnal #239

### **Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:** "Masters in This Hall" Carol

***To all our guests: In the United Methodist Church, the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all persons  
who have faith in Christ. When the Sacrament is  
offered, we welcome you to come and receive.***

**\*\*Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**



### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Traditional Worship at 9:00 am  
Sunday School (all ages) at 10:10 am  
Praise Worship at 11:15 am

### **WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

DESOTO - AGAPE HOUSE AT 5:30 PM

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