Order Of Worship
St. John's United Church Of Christ
500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
5:00 PM: December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Early Service
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Prelude — I Wonder as I Wander – arr. Richard Osborne
United Voices

*Opening Carol — O Come All Ye Faithful.....see back page

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Anthem — Were You There on That Christmas Night? - Natalie Sleeth
Children's Choir

Reading of the Christmas Story from Luke 2:1-14

Anthem — The First Nowell - Traditional – Part I
United Voices and Children's Choir; Jen Gilbert, Soloist

Reading of the Christmas Story from Luke 2:15-20

Anthem — The First Nowell - Traditional – Part II
United Voices and Children's Choir; Jen Gilbert, Soloist

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthem — Infant Holy - arr. Robert Leaf
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Classes

Message — We "WITH" You a Merry Christmas
Rev. Addie Stong

Silence

*Carol — O Little Town of Bethlehem.....#133

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Offering

Offertory — Jesus, Our Brother, Strong and Good – French Melody
4th – 6th grade Class and Junior/Senior High Class

*Congregational Response: (#128, stanza 4)
What can I offer, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
But what can I offer: all my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

*Carol — Joy to the World.....see back page

*Benediction

*Postlude

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* Denotes standing, if you are able

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min.;
Rev. Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div.

Music: Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth
David L. Furniss, M.S.M, Minister of Music

Scripture Reader: Connor Sivco

Ushers: Team Leader Jim Lederach; Mary Billy, Griff Francis, Jenn Moyer, Kelly Bresadola, Joe Slover, Ethan Moyer, and Steve Bossert

Greeters: Gerry Linderman, Sue & Bill Morris,
James & Frances Crowe Morris

Candle Lighters: Members of the 2018/19 Confirmation Class

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:
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;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

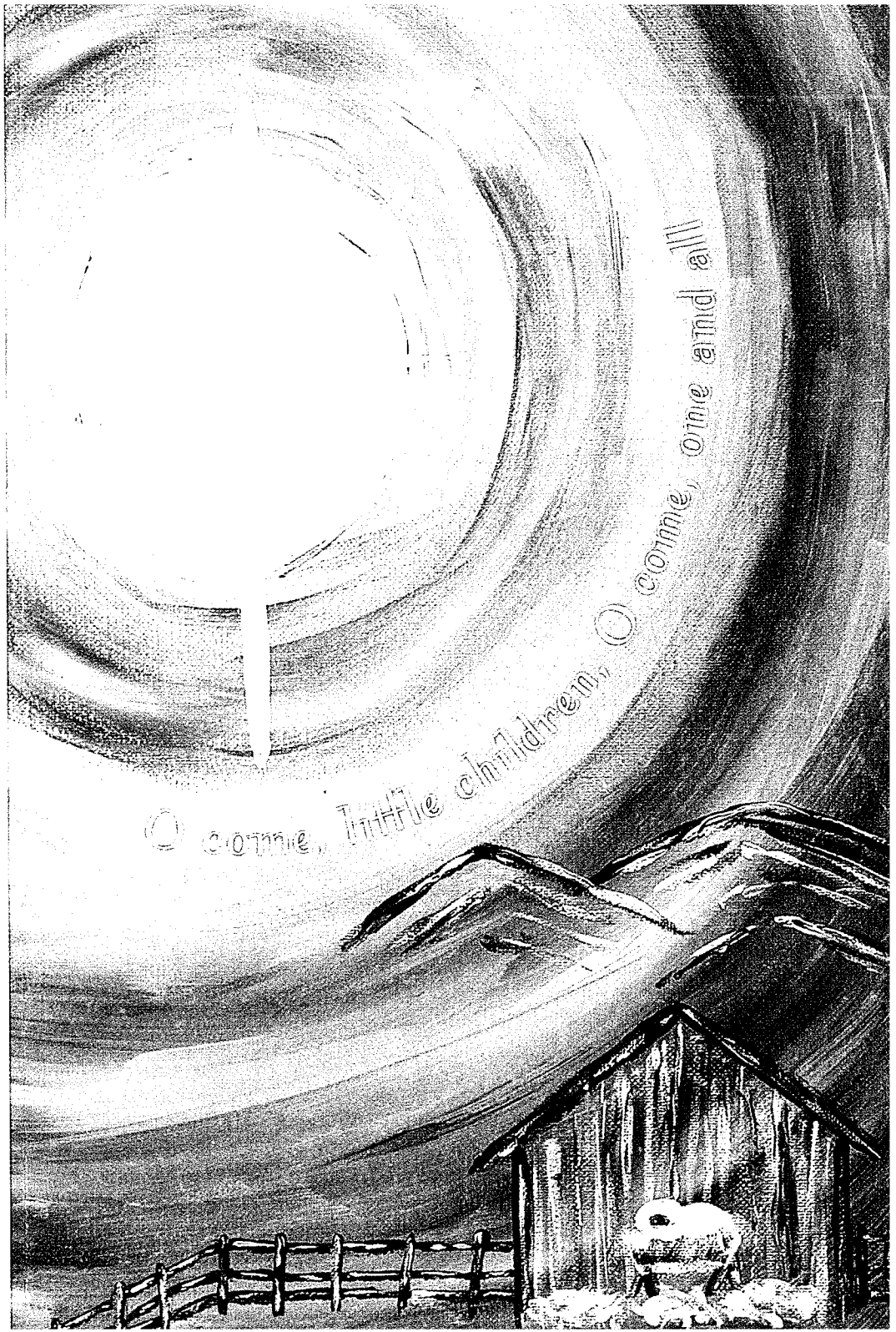
3 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Joy To The World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.



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W is for "Where you are"
If you look for Christ at Christmas
you won't need a special star -
He's no longer just in Bethlehem,
He's right here where you are.

I is for "Invite Him in"
You may not be aware of Him
amid the pretty decorations -
You'll have to look beyond the presents,
invite Him into your celebrations.

T is for "Take a moment"
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
and listen to your heart, you'll find
He's waiting there for you.

H is for "Holy night"
On this holy night Jesus is WITH you,
you're the reason that He came,
but you'll find Him every single day
loving everyone the same.

So on this **holy night**, **take a moment** to **invite Him in**~ into your celebrations, your homes, and your hearts~ so that no matter **where you are** or where you go, Christ will be **WITH** you.

2018 Poinsettias

In memory of Blanche & Archie Huntsinger from son Don & Lynette Huntsinger & Family

In memory of Eric Kirk from his mother, Barbara Kirk

In memory of James "David" Krail from the Krail, Evans and Gamble Families

In memory of Ray Klein from Sue & Mark Rother

In memory of Joseph & Ruth Koenig from Warren & Judy Koenig

In memory of Loved Ones from Chriss & Mark Bodde

In memory of Loved Ones from Leroy & Linda Horst

In memory of Loved Ones from the Keim/Baker family

In memory of Loved Ones from James, Frances & Siobhan Morris

In memory of my family, Hector, Mary and Glenn Griswold from Margie

In memory of Barb MacMullen's parents, Walt & Clara, from Barbara & Robin MacMullen

In memory of Charles R. May from wife, Connie

In memory of Our Parents from Sue & Bill Morris

In memory of Our Parents from Judy & Chuck Neidhardt

In memory of Our Parents from Sandy & Bob Taylor

In memory of Earl & Emma Swartley from Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of Thomas Timko from his wife, Vada, & Family

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In honor of Lorene K. Ahrens from her loving family

In memory of Eloise Atkin from Roger and Family

In memory of Warren & Lorraine Badger from Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of Martine Boorse from husband, Dick Boorse

In memory of Alyce Bowers from Jennifer Cerequas

In honor of Roger Bowers from Jennifer Cerequas

In memory of Parents Carlton & Madge Bruen, and Ray McNamee from Mark & Grace Bruen

In memory of Herb & Kay Crouthamel and Loved Ones from the Krail, Evans and Gamble Families

In memory of David & Marie Evans from Jeane & Robert Fritz

In memory of George Freeman from Grace Freeman

In memory of William & Mary Fritz from Connie May and Judy & Warren Koenig

In memory of William & Mary Fritz from Robert & Jeane Fritz

In memory of Robert & Marian Gilbert from Donald Gibson, Jr., and Family

In memory of Robert & Marian Gilbert from Robert & Jeanette Gibson & Family and Bonnie Moyer & Family

In memory of Anna & Daniel Henninger from daughter Lynette & Don Huntsinger & Family