

Rockwood United Methodist Church

*Christmas Eve Service
of
Lessons and Carols*

WELCOME

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **The Richard Dickson Family**

Reader One:

Hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Reader Two:

"His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

Reader One:

We stand on the brink of God's time and light again the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Reader Two:

We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the light coming into the world.

All: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

OPENING PRAYER with the LORD'S PRAYER

Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" **No. 230**
FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15,17-19
Adam & Eve disobey God's command & disrupt the order & goodness of creation..

Carol "Once in Royal David's City" **No. 250**
SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the World will be blessed.

Carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" **No. 211**
THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

Carol "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" **No. 218**
FOURTH LESSON "Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9"
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" **No. 216**
FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **No. 240**
SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7
Joseph & Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child.

Carol "Away in a Manger" **No. 217**
SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields & announces the birth of the Messiah.

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" **No. 238**
EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and off gifts to the baby Jesus.

Carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" **No. 254**
NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

Christmas Eve Communion

Congregation will come to the altar rail for communion & leave their offering. Please select a candle & take back to your seat.

Prayer of Consecration

Candle Lighting:



Carol "Silent Night" **No. 239**

Christmas Blessing

Opportunities for Worship

December 28, 2014

First Sunday after Christmas

Hymns: “We Three Kings”
“In the Bleak Midwinter”
“Joy to the World”

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon Title: “Simeon and Anna”

January 4, 2015

Second Sunday after Christmas

“The John Wesley Covenant Service”

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*Praise and Holy Communion Service
6:00 p. m. ~~ December 24, 2014*