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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Bob

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful 148 (vs. 1-2)

1 O 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 heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

The Christ Candle

Reader One: Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope.
(Light the Candle of Hope)

Reader Two: Because guns have not yet been beaten into plowshares, we pray for
peace. (Light the Candle of Peace)

Reader One: Because grief and loss weigh so heavily upon us, we pray for joy.
(Light the Candle of Joy)

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong and because people all over the world
continue to suffer, we light the candle of love. (Light the Candle of Love)

Reader One: REJOICE People of God! The light has come into the world! Now we light
the candle of your nativity—God, as the child Jesus, comes! God is present in our world!
(Light the Christ candle for Jesus)

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time would come when those who walked
in the shadows would see a great light.

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Call to Communion and Words of Institution

Pastor Rick

Prayer

Elder

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup:

For in-person worship, you may use your own elements or the pre-packaged elements of bread and juice. If worshipping online, we invite you to participate using elements from home.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen —Common Worship

Going Forth in Ministry

*Carol

Silent Night

145 (vs. 1)

1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3 Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace: Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

4 Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
alleluia to our King; Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.

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