

Henderson United Methodist Church
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2014 6:00 PM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ray

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ The Christ Candle

Reader: "While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger." (Luke 2: 6 - 7)

People: Tonight we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth, regardless of circumstances, reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.

Reader: On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant Redeemer, the lowly Lord. And now we know He is born and nothing will ever be the same. (Light the Christ Candle.)

* CAROL # 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Hymnal: page # 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

GOSPEL LESSONS Matthew 2: 1-15
Luke 2: 8 - 20

L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God !

SERMON "Don't Miss Out !" Pastor Ray

CAROL # 217 "Away in a Manger"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION

PRAYER (Unison)

Most loving and merciful God, we know that in our many quests for power and prestige, privilege and possessions, we forget how You directed Your joyous message to the humble, the simple, the despised, the oppressed. Forgive us for making Your Gospel a status symbol, an instrument of self-service, a tool for achievement, a message for the respectable. Humble Us with the reminder of the lowliness of Jesus' birth, The low estate of the shepherds, and the words of the Master that His good news was for the poor and oppressed. In the name of Him for whom there was no room. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: The birth of Jesus, Your Beloved, O God, gives us confidence that we can make changes for good.

ALL: THE BIRTH OF JESUS AFFIRMS THE JOY OF NEW BEGINNINGS ! THANKS BE TO GOD !

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY # 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CAROL # 217 "Away in a Manger"

PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO Amanda Carpenter

PRESENTATION BY KIDS AND YOUTH

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CAROL # 239 "Silent Night" (Light candles during this carol.)

*BENEDICTION

*CAROL # 246 "Joy to the World" (Verse one and Refrain)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you leave the sanctuary, please extend signs of Friendship and Peace. Pass the blessings of Christ to each other.

Announcements:

Don't forget to join us for worship at 9:30 AM on December 28th.

On New Year's Eve at 6:00 PM Church Family will gather at Ministry Building. Bring some food to share. Plan to share your talent in a fun time of fellowship.