

Dearest God,

PLEASE NEVER LET ME
CROWD MY LIFE FULL TO THE BRIM.
SO LIKE THE KEEPER OF
BETHLEHEM'S INN,
I FIND I HAVE
NO ROOM FOR HIM.

INSTEAD, LET MY HEART'S DOOR
BE EVER OPEN,
READY TO WELCOME
THE NEWBORN KING.
LET ME OFFER THE BEST I HAVE
TO HIM WHO GIVES ME
EVERYTHING.
--AUTHOR UNKNOWN



"each of us is an innkeeper who
decides if there is room for Jesus"
neal a. maxwell

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion, Fellowship and Caring*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Words of Welcome

Pastor John

Prelude

Jen Moser, Organist

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 95:1-7)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God,

All: And a great King above all gods.

One: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

All: The heights of the mountains are his also.

One: The sea is his, for he made it,

All: And the dry land, which his hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down,

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

One: For he is our God,

All: And we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.

*Prayer of the People

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will come to all people; for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Rockin' Around the Chrismon Tree

First Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

Reflection:

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

Hymn

“First Noel”
(Verses 1 and 2)

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Second Scripture Reading:

John 1:6-9

Reflection:

“A Faithful Witness”

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(Verses 1 and 2)

No. 234

Third Scripture Reading

John 1:10-13

Reflection:

“Stranger in a Stranger World”

Hymn

“Joy to the World”
(Verses 1 and 3)

No. 246

Fourth Scripture Reading

John 1:14-18

Reflection:

“Total Transformation”

Hymn

“What Child is This”
(Verses 1 and 2)

No. 219

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

No. 15

*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus
is welcome at the table.*

The Light of Christ Illuminates the World

(Ushers will receive their light from the Christ candle before moving up the aisles to allow the person at the end of the row to light their candles. Tip only an unlit candle.)

*Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

No. 239

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude