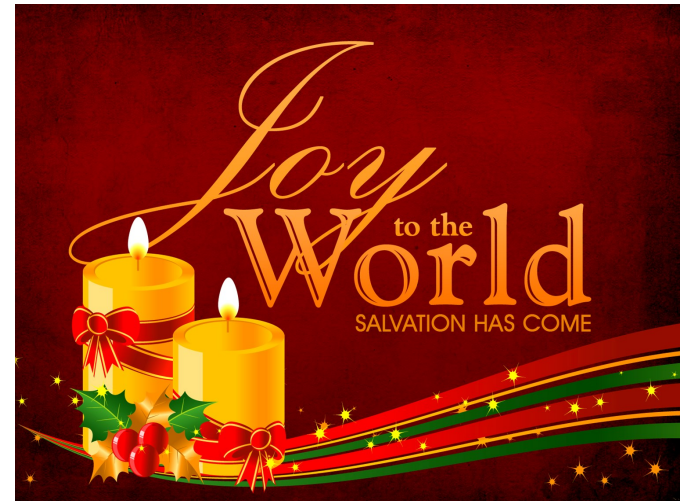




## Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

\*Responsive Reading April Aten, Liturgist

One: Glory to God in the Highest!

All: And Peace to His People on Earth!

One: Tonight, we stand and watch for the sign

All: That the Glorious Savior has finally arrived!

One: Praise to the Lord God Almighty!

All: May He Bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to all!

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Ever-present God, you have taught us that the night is distant from the day. On this Silent and Holy Night, grant that we may be ever watchful for the star that signals the arrival of our Savior. Separate us from our love for this world and direct our focus to the promise of the world to come when we will be reunited in your Heavenly Kingdom through the magnificence of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of Justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, we acknowledge that we have not always honored your word or obeyed your commands, so we come before you confessing our sins and seeking your forgiveness as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-6

Reflection: "Name, Rank, Serial Number"

Hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" No.240

New Testament Reading

John 1:6-14

Reflection: "The Three States that Matter"

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

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.*

Prayers of the People

As we gather as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

Benediction

\*Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 246

\*Postlude