

6:30 PM *Christmas Selections for Piano & Organ*

7:00 PM **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We who dwell in shadows have seen a great light.

**Heavenly glory embraces the earth, like a
mother's arm around a newborn child,**

Tucked in the folds of peace, like a baby wrapped in
swaddling clothes,

**Laying the earth in the cradle of truth, like a
baby entrusted to a manger,**

As the cry of a baby splits the air, uniting the songs of
shepherds and angels,

**Let us give thanks for the birth of a child,
through whose young life salvation shines!**

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God, place your trumpets in our hands, and we
will make a mighty sound! For unto this world a
child is born; unto the world a savior is given. His
hands will split the yoke of our burdens; his knee
will snap the rod of our afflictions. He will
establish peace upon the earth, breaking the bow
and shattering the spear, casting the boots of each
tramping warrior into the heap of flames. You
have struck the spark, Lord. The refiner's fire is
kindled in the darkness; an ember glows in the
silent night.**

**Unto us a child is born; unto the world a savior
is given. Place your trumpets into our hands,
and we shall call the world to peace. Amen.**

ANTHEM *"In a Stable of Straw"* J. Purifoy

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN #2095 (TFWS) *"Star-Child"*

SERMON *"The Small One"* - Barbara Stinson
(Story by Alex Walsh)

Response - *"The Power of Small"* Rev. Stinson

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

OFFERING *"When Christmas Comes to town"*
Ballard & Sylvestri

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN #246 *"Joy to the World"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"O Holy Night"* A. Adams

Ushers: Brian & Brian, Jr. Sideleau and
Chris Hull

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Special Note: The church office will be closed until January 2, 2018. If you need Rev. Stinson, please call him (203-984-0141).



Jesse Lee United Methodist Church

December 24, 2018

6:30 pm Music

7:00 pm Service