

Harwich United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve 2018

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1-2) #211

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL *His Name Is Wonderful* #174

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 1, 4) #230

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

CAROL *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (v. 1) #220

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CAROL *Joy to the World* (v. 1) #246

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

CAROL *The First Noel* (v. 1-2) #245

OFFERING

ANTHEM *Christ is Born* L. Larson

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

MESSAGE "God With Us"

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234

CANDLE LIGHTING: Passing the Light of God's Grace

CAROL *Silent Night* (v. 1) #239

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.
Please join us each Sunday for worship at 9:30 AM.

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