

Sharing the Bread and Cup:

*This is God's banquet – everyone is welcome! The bread and cup will be shared by intinction tonight. Please take your bread and dip it into the common cup before eating. Gluten-free alternatives are available.*

The Lord's Prayer

***Celebrating in the World God loves!***

\*Carol: 67 VU

Silent Night  
Organ, Touch of Brass, Chancel Choir and Congregation

Benediction

Voluntary

Have a very blessed Christmas!

**Upcoming Services**

Wednesday, December 25

**10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service**

Sunday, December 29, 10:00a.m. Regular Service

Sunday January 5, 2019

**10:00 a.m. Joint Service-** at Emmanuel United Church. Come and join our church neighbors as we celebrate a New Year with worship and hope.

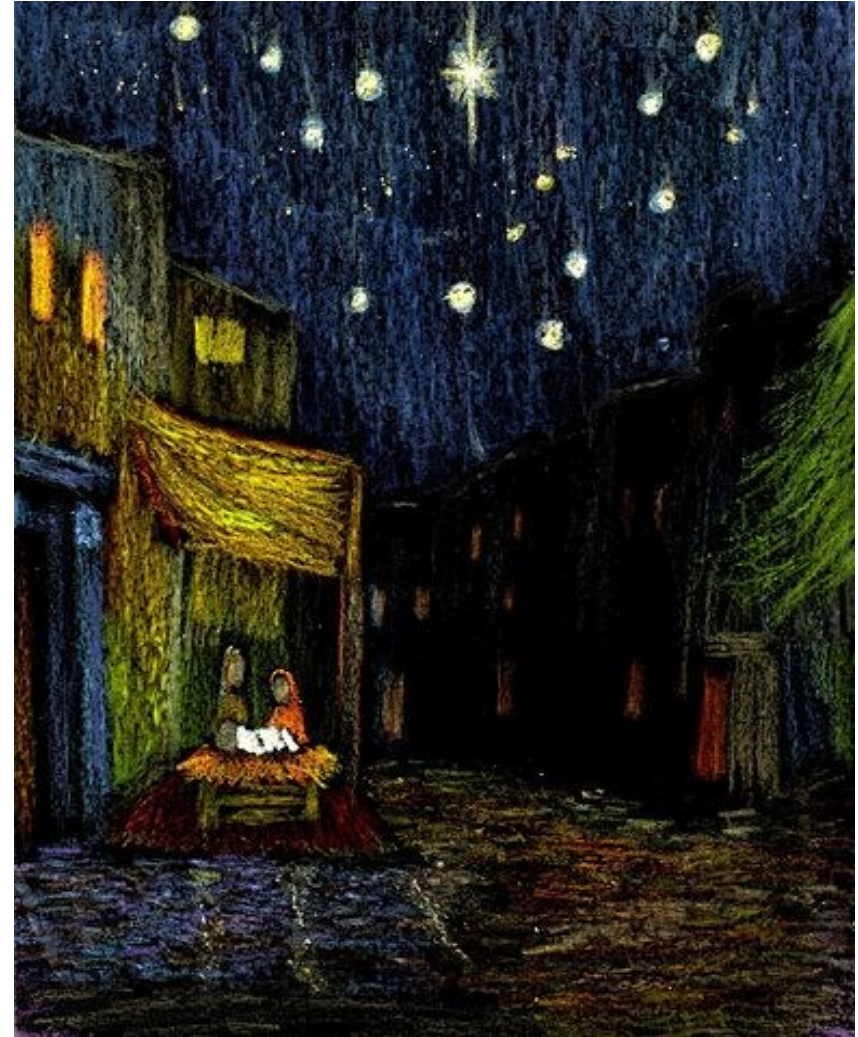
Sunday, January 12, 2019

**10:00 a.m. Installation of UCW Executive**



# Christmas Candlelight Communion

December 24, 2019 ~ 10:30 pm



Ridgou Park United Church

## Christmas Candle Reflections

Sunday, December 24, 2019  
10:30 p.m.

### *We gather in wonder...*

Prelude:

Words of Welcome and Opening Prayer

**\*Carol: 60 VU**                      **O Come All Ye Faithful**                      Adeste Fideles  
Organ, Touch of Brass, Chancel Choir and Congregation

Candlelighting: The Christ Candle

ONE: A baby has been born for us;

**TWO: A child has been given to us.**

ONE: And his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.

Once we were no people;

**TWO: Now we are God's people.**

**Once we walked in darkness;**

ONE: Now we have seen a great light.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**\*Carol : 48 VU**                      **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**                      Mendelssohn

### *Listening for the Word...*

Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Lay Reader: Pierre Quesnel

Anthem:

Chancel Choir

Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

**\*Carol 74 VU**                      **What Child is This**                      Greensleeves

Lesson: Luke 2: 8-14

Touch of Brass:                      "Angel Glory"

Sermon:                      "Stolen Baby"                      Steve Clifton

**\*Carol: 59 VU**                      **Joy to the World**                      Antioch

### *Welcoming at the table...*

Offering

Offering Anthem:                      "O Magnum Mysterium"                      M. Lauridsen  
Chancel Choir

**\*Carol: 38 VU**                      **Angels We Have Heard on High**                      Gloria  
(verse 2 in French)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE: O God, you have entered this moment. And in your sacred presence the holy is tangled with the ordinary, the bread and cup are the things of heaven, and your Spirit is embodied in our gathered hearts.

**ALL: Come, be among us, God-with-us.**

ONE: You came to us once, O God, in a stable in Bethlehem. Come and be with us again, in a world that hungers for bread and for truth. Be with us in the diversity of creation, the challenge of the prophets, the courage of those who heard your call. Be with us in Jesus, broken and whole, reconciled with you and one another.

**ALL: Come, be among us, God-with-us.**

ONE: Be present in this holy time: in the quiet of our stillness, in the power of our celebrations, in communities of faith and places of welcome. Reveal to us the good news. For we would remember the story of Jesus breaking bread and blessing cup and celebrating new life, even in the shadow of fear and grief.

**ALL: Come, be among us, God-with-us.**

ONE: As once your Spirit poured out life upon the earth, come now and pour out your blessing upon all creation, waiting once again for new life.

**ALL: Come, be among us, God-with-us.**