



***"Morning Star:
Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas"***
by
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**First United Methodist Church
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"Christmas in July"**

Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

"A Tapestry of Angels" arr: Lani Smith
"Sing We Now of Christmas" French Carol
arr: Matthew McConnell
"In Excelsis Deo" French Carol
arr: David H. Hegarty
"Joy to the World" arr: Fred Bock

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Kerrin

GREETING

Santa & Mrs. Claus

To Our Guests (Kris Hinders & Carrie Copley)

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born; give Him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven; receive Him! Christ is now on earth; exalt Him!

O you earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise Him in joy, for He has been glorified!

HYMN No. 251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

OPENING PRAYER

O Almighty God, by the birth of Your holy child, Jesus, You gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in His light we may see light. Give to us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of Your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS

Pastor Nikki

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Blessing of the New

Nicole Smith

HYMN No. 228

"He Is Born"

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "What Child is This?" Old English Melody
arr: Norman Johnson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we bring to You our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. All that we are able to bring is Yours already. This morning, we return a portion to show our love for You. May we continue to receive Your generous gifts as true stewards, giving as we have received, so that You may be glorified in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted, "We Give Thee But Thine Own")

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"Morning Star: Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas"

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Sung by: Chancel Choir

Narrators: Lee & Cathy Webb

Accompanied by Barb Mittman

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Chosen by God

O Little Town of Bethlehem

He Come from the Glory

Why Do the Shepherds Sing?

Morning Star (Finale)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No 249

"There's a Song in the Air"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Glory to God in the Highest"

arr: Diane Bish

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

Contact Myrna Cakerice (mcakerice@aol.com) if YOU have a music video you would like to share with the congregation.

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to ALL people of the world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place, a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, and we are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.

We stand in affirmation with the Apostle Paul that “in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.” ALL are ONE IN CHRIST. We at Ames First UMC acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses ALL within the community of faith who exhibit differences in race, gender, and ethnicity, as well as age, culture, physical ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, and sexual orientation.

In response to the often hostile social climate with respect to diversity within our society and the resulting feelings of alienation from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm the following:

ALL persons share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;

ALL persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making an affirmation of faith; and,

ALL persons are encouraged and expected to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation as members of this church.

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