



MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

WE SEEK, WE SERVE, WE CELEBRATE



December 20, 2020

Welcome Friends!

We welcome you to worship wherever you may be in your faith's journey. We strive to live in the way of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love on a daily basis regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history.

If you are new to our church community, please fill out some information about yourself in the "visitor" tab of our website. You can learn a little bit more about us, and get yourself added to our email information lists.

Prelude

The First Noel

Michael

Greeting

Becky and Jenia

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Candle Lighters: Sybylla & Shirley

Song of Response:

with Sign Language shared by Minnehaha Children's Choir & Paige

Peace, Peace, Peace on Earth
Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all
this is a time for joy
this is a time for love
now let us all sing together
of peace, peace, peace on earth

descant on v. 2

*Silent Night, Holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin, mother and child
holy infant, so tender and mild
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

Christmas Pageant

presented by the Children & Youth of Minnehaha (with a little help from their friends)

Congregational Hymn

Anders, organ

O Come, All Ye Faithful

The United Methodist Hymnal

John F. Wade (ca. 1783)

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (*Refrain*)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-33

Harry

Congregational Hymn

Led by Jenny, Marshall, Elizabeth, Rose, & Julia

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The United Methodist Hymnal

Phillips Brooks, Lewis. H. Redner (ca. 1868)

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O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:4-7

Josie

Congregational Hymn

Led by Julia and the Preschoolers

Away in a Manger

The United Methodist Hymnal

James R. Murray (1887)

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Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-12

Christopher

Angels' Anthem

Performed by Tim featuring the 4th & 5th Graders

Sweet Georgia Bells

arr. Tim Siefkes

Stars' Anthem

featuring the Kindergartners

Great Big Stars

traditional folk song

Congregational Hymn

Led by Jenn, Eric, and the First Graders

Angels We Have Heard on High

The United Methodist Hymnal

traditional French Carol

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Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

Puppets' Anthem

Performed by the Minnehaha Youth

Up on the Housetop

Pentatonix

Benjamin Bram, Ben Bram Music (ASCAP)

Mitchell Grassi, Scott Hoying, Avriel Kaplan, Kirstin Taylor, Kevin Olusola;

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Indie

Camels Anthem

Anders, *organ*

In a Persian Market

Albert Ketèlbey 1920

Magi's Anthem

17th Century French

Pat a Pan

Performed by the 2nd & 3rd Graders

Congregational Hymn

Led by Scott & Eric

We Three Kings

The United Methodist Hymnal

John H. Hopkins (1857)

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We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

Special Music

Performed by the Sarah & Jenn

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam 1847

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6

Adam

Congregational Hymn

Anders, Organ

Joy to the World

The United Methodist Hymnal

Isaac Watts (1719)

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful

Helen

Joy to the World

Harry

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

arr. Carolyn Miller

Rylee

Jingle Bells

Millie & Warren

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

arr. Carolyn Miller

Dylan

Carol of the Bells

arr. Jeremy Hanson

Annie and Siri

Worship Personnel

Rev. Becky Sechrist, Pastor;

Jenia Strom, Program Director of Children, Youth, and Families

Alex Rack, Choir Director; Anders Nelson, Organist;

Tim Siefkes and Josh Espinosa, Contemporary Band Leaders;

Nicholas Sabah, Communion Steward

Thank you to:

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Saint Luke and the Socially Distanced Christmas Story

Cast

In order of appearance

Luke: Jefferson
Matthew: Wayland
Scripture Reader 1: Harry
Mary: Annie
Joseph: Eli
Gabriel : Cecilia
Scripture Reader 2: Josie
Emperor's Messenger: Michael
Innkeeper #1: John
Innkeeper #2: Annette
Innkeeper #3: Shirley
Innkeeper #4: Lil
Manger Animals: Minnehaha Preschoolers
Baby Jesus: Otto
Scripture Reader 3: Christopher
Littlest Angel: June
Angel Choir: Minnehaha Fourth & Fifth Graders

Shepherds: Minnehaha First Graders
Angel 1: Owen
Angel 2: Hazel
Angel 3: Diana
Shepherd 1: Bailey
Shepherd 2: Luke
Stars: Minnehaha Kindergartners
Puppeteers: Minnehaha Youth
Scripture Reader 4: Indie
Camels: the Minnehaha Herd
Magi: Minnehaha Second & Third Graders
Balthazar: Maya
Gaspar: Ilah
Melchior: Elsa
Darlene: Helen
Scripture Reader 5: Adam

Musicians:

Prelude & Postlude Musicians:
Michael, Helen, Rylee, Harry, Millie, Warren,
Dylan, Annie, & Siri
O Come All Ye Faithful,
In a Persian Market,
& *Joy to the World*:
Organist: Anders
O Little Town of Bethlehem:
Baritone: Marshall
Recorder: Jenny
Accordion: Rose
Piano: Julia
Vocals: Elizabeth
Away in the Manger:
Guitar & Vocals: Julia

Sweet Georgia Bells
Arranged and Performed by Tim
Great Big Stars
Guitar: Julia
Vocals: Miss Julia & friends
Angels We Have Heard on High
Piano: Jennifer
Harmonicas: Minnehaha First Graders
Pat-a-Pan
Percussion: Minnehaha Second & Third Graders
We Three Kings
Minnehaha Percussion Team: Eric, Scott, and
Minnehaha Second & Third Graders
O Holy Night
Jennifer & Sarah
& thanks to all our congregational voices!

Production

Written By: Dean
Produced By: Jenia
Video Editors: Dean and Eric
Animal & Star Wrangling: Julia
Shepherd Shepherding: Jennifer

Magi Guide: Eric
Puppet Masters: Scot, Scott, Jed, Dan
Prop Creation & Delivery: Annette, Monica,
Beth, Becca, Kendra

And, of course, many thanks to all the kids, youth, and families
who made this socially-distanced pageant possible – offering hope and joy to us all!



Announcements

New in our prayers this week:

- **Hospitalized:** Barb (Ben Sikorski's grandmother) with Covid-19. Also sick are her daughter and granddaughter who live with her.

Holding in prayer:

- **Discharged from the hospital:** Arlyne Forsberg (Diane Enge's mother). Prayers of Thanksgiving that Arlyne is well enough to be returned back to her care center after getting Covid-19!
- **Prayers of Care:** Gary Claude (*Sue Claude's father*)
- **Receiving treatment for cancer:** Scott Christianson (*son-in-law of Mary Doelz*), Joan Ellison, Jordyn Meskan (*niece of Elaine Chadwick*), David Miller (*father of Kevin Miller*), Carol Spearman, Wanda (*friend of Kim Neal*)
- **Healthcare workers:** Rene Cronquist, Deb Diko, Emma Dolphin, Andrea Ghizoni, Maggie Kappelman, Chloe Kennedy-Abdella, Quinn Kennedy-Abdella, Erinn Kennedy-Heldt, Paula Kocken, Kayla Hicks, Trevor Hicks, Peter Johnson, Sue Johnson, Dan Nelson, Fred Peterson, Amy Ralph, D.R. Schroeder
- **Educators:** Beth Anderson, Jill Carlton, Joy Collman, Jason Emrick, Hayley Forrest, Rachel Hansberry, Tori Holtz, Allison Jessee, Tanya Ketcham, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Rita Miller, Kim Moren, Matthew Palombo, Alex Rack, Eric Strom, Meredith Webb, Marisa Zimmerman
- **Partnership Families:** The Dauds and Omars

Toy Drive Donations Needed

During the 4 Tuesdays before Christmas, Food Shelf Parents are able to select toys for their children, ranging from babies to teenagers. Parents may choose a toy (ranging from baby toys to dolls to hot wheels to table foosball to hair dryers and clock radios), a stocking stuffer, and a hat or gloves for each of their children. We also provide gift bags and wrapping paper. All this is made possible by the generosity of members of Minnehaha. *Every year, parents respond with "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" and "Oh my gosh, these present are so nice!" and "Can I really get a hat and gloves for each of my children?"* There are three ways you can help with this mission:

- Buy toys, hats, and gloves- as our office hours are limited a great time to drop off toys is during MinneHarvest. To arrange another drop off time contact Renee Beymer
- Write a check to the church (put Toys in the memo line) or give through our Donate button on the website and designate it for Christmas Toys

With your help Good Things will, indeed, continue to Happen Here

Still looking for a Christmas gift? Minnehaha UMW has some items that would be great gifts: 1 pound of fantastic Wild Rice for \$15, 2 pounds for \$30, Bean soup mixes, \$5, Minnehaha UMW Cookbooks for \$5, kitchen towels with crocheted handles for \$7.50, net scrubbies \$2 and a variety of different homemade jams/jellies \$4. Please order by calling Maureen Trepp at 612-387-2520 (leave a message!), or maureentrepp@yahoo.com and we'll find a way to deliver and collect payment. All proceeds go to the missions supported by the UMW.