

Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24th, 2014
8:00pm



United Methodist & Federated Church • Paxton, IL

Brass Choir

7:30pm

Christmas Welcome

Dave Hastings

Unison Christmas Prayer

Liturgist Brian Funk

Help us Almighty Father, to celebrate the Peaceful memory of Jesus' birth in the right Spirit. Enable us to look to Jesus with true Hope and Joy; to Love Him as did You; to worship and honor Him as do the Holy Angels. Give us Grace to grow in His knowledge and cause us to serve Him faithfully every day of the year. Amen.

(As we have prayed in unison, let us now pray individually in silence.)

Prelude

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Jade Miles & Ella Curry

***Opening Hymn** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

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***Call to Worship**

ONE: Once in Bethlehem,

ALL: A tiny voice sounded an infant cry. Small hands clutched at manger hay. Tired eyes closed to the stable's dimness. A fragile life lighted upon the world.

ONE: We rejoice this evening at the Bethlehem birth, the coming of Jesus our Christ, for as he grew,

ALL: His voice gained strength of wisdom. His hands reached out to all humankind. His eyes pierced to the heart of truth. His life conveyed a boundless love.

ONE: Through Him we know that God is with us! Welcome to worship, and Glory be to God!

***Responsive Litany**

ONE: Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

ALL: May our hearts be willing.

ONE: Like Mary, who showed humble surrender,

ALL: May our hearts be willing.

ONE: Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust,

ALL: May our hearts be willing.

ONE: Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder,

ALL: May our hearts be willing.

ONE: Like the angels, who sung glorious praise,

ALL: May our hearts be willing.

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

*Merry
Christmas!*

Organist - Judith Voorhees

Choir Director - Priscilla Andreae

Liturgist - Brian Funk

Pastor Colleen Lawrence

Brass Choir