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December 16, 2018



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PRAISE	Joy to the World O Come All Ye Faithful Little Drummer Boy					
SHARING GOD'S PEACE						
PRAYERS OF THE PEOP	LE					
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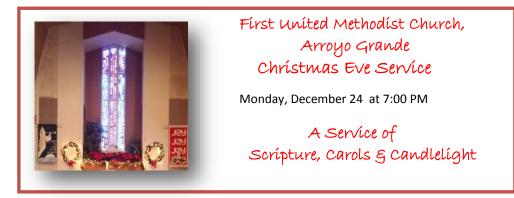
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PRELUDE

HANDBELL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy. Pray with hope. Journey with trust.

***OPENING HYMN**

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

***OPENING PRAYER**

As we bring our songs of joy, gracious God, inspire joy in every aspect of our lives. Sing to our hearts, Song of the Cosmos, that our hearts may sing the joy of Christmas all year long. In love and trust, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HANDBELL ANTHEM We Three Kings



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CENTERING WORDS

Greensleeves

arr. Richard Purvis

arr. Leonard G. Lutz

Soliloguy on 'Silent Night'

We rejoice in Christ's love.

Our hope rests in God alone.

God's Spirit is guiding our way.

Joy to the World

No. 246

Carolyn Russell Away in a Manger (as children come and go) No. 217 Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

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Choral Call to Praye Pastoral Prayer/Lor		TFWS #2095			
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HYMN (remain seated)	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	No. 216			
SERMON	SILHOUETTES OF JOY				
OFFERING					
Invitation to the Of Offertory Cho *Doxology / Prayer of	orale from "A Christmas Oratorio"	J.S. Bach			
Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night, Whose Daystar shines for us on high. Whose Spirit brings into our sight. The Joy to which our world draws nigh.					
*CLOSING HYMN	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	No. 240			
*BENEDICTION					
Go with laughter. Go with joy. Go with the love for	r God and God's world.				
*CHORAL ANTHEM	Christmas in About Three Minutes	Mark Wenton			
POSTLUDE	Joy to the World	arr. Virgil Fox			

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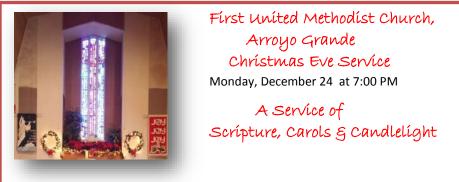


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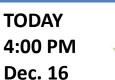
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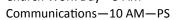
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