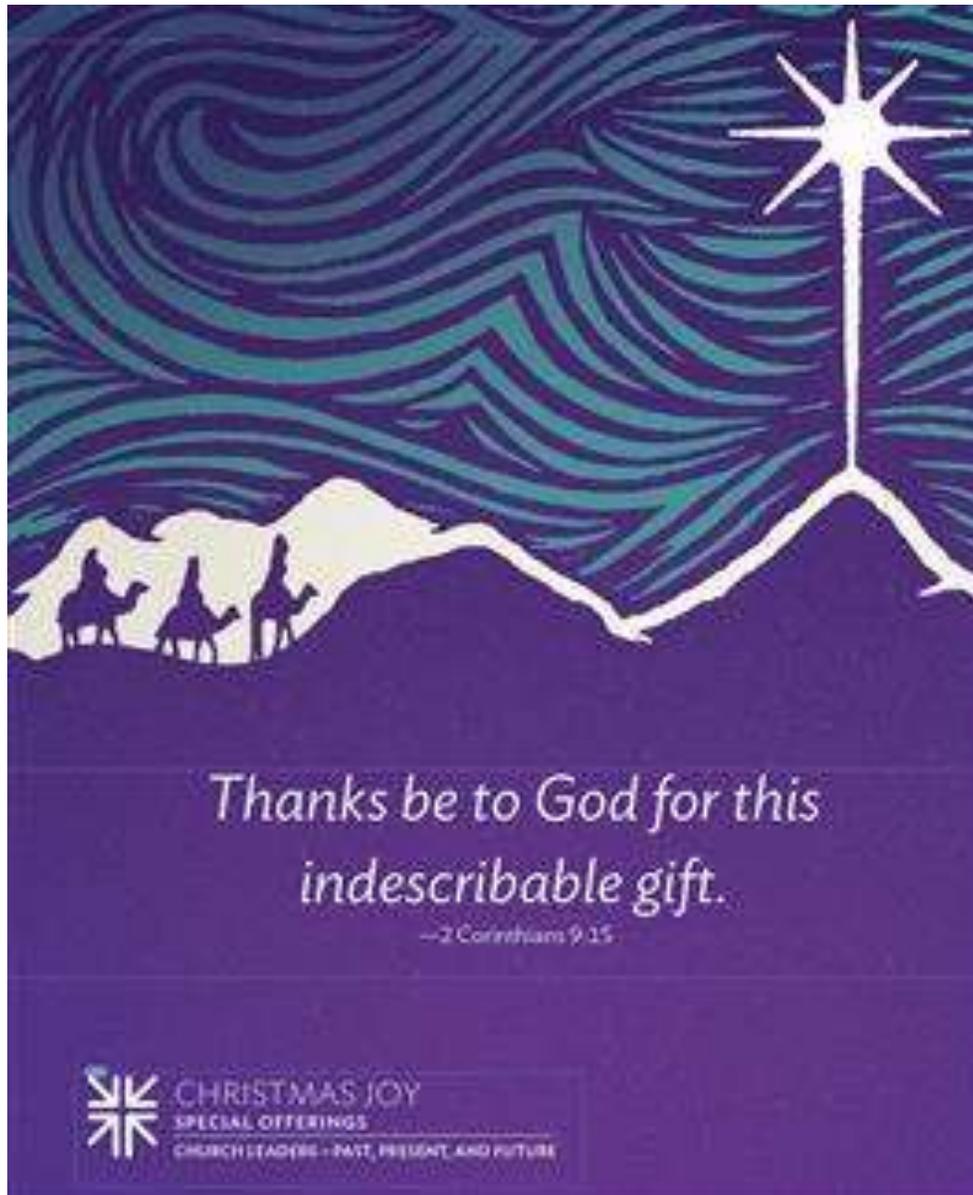


**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017
“Light for the Darkness”**



Delta Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Christ in us
Sharing Christ among us
Showing Christ around us

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**Order Of Worship
December 24, 2017
Christmas Eve**

Prelude

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Wendy S. Pratt

****Call to Worship and Opening Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Arise, shine, for your Light has come!

Oh, come, let us adore him!

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

Oh, come, let us adore him!

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising!

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

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Oh, come, let us adore him!

And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

Oh, come, let us adore him!

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

Oh, come, let us adore him!

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!

Oh, come, let us adore him!

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!

Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Oh, come, let us adore him!

Oh, come, let us adore him!

Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14 (CEB)

****Response**

Joy to the World! (vs. 1,3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Dymond Family

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

The advent wreath marks our time of waiting through this season, as we live in expectation of Christ's promised return and the celebration of his birth. We light the first candle as a reminder to look for God's light in the world.

Let there be light.

We light the second candle on the Advent wreath, as a sign of our longing for God's presence in a broken world.

Let there be light.

We light the third candle of the Advent wreath, as a reminder of our responsibility to reflect God's light in the world.

Let there be light.

This morning we lit the fourth candle of the Advent wreath, as a reminder of God's power at work in the world.

Let there be light.

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| Music | O Little Town of Bethlehem | |
| Scripture | Luke 2:1-7 (CEB) | The Wright Family |
| Anthem | For Unto Us | Celebration Choir |
| Scripture | Luke 2:8-14 (CEB) | The Bishop Family |
| Music | While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs 1,2,3) | |
| Scripture | Luke 2:15-20 (CEB) | The Woloszyn Family |
| Meditation | Light for the Darkness | Rev. Wendy Pratt |
| | The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2 | |
| **Hymn | In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1,2,4) | |
| Offertory | Gesu Bambino | Bellievers |
| | Ushers will receive the Christmas Joy Offering at this time. | |
| **Response | Joy to the World (vs. 2,4) | |
| Scripture | Isaiah 9:2-7 (CEB) | Rev. Wendy Pratt |
| The Christ Candle | | |
| Distribution of the Light | | |
| **Hymn | Silent Night | |
| **Challenge and Blessing | | |
| Postlude | | |
| ** <i>Please stand if you are able to do so</i> | | |

If you purchased a poinsettia, please take it home after the service.

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The Christmas Joy Offering is collected each year during the Advent season. Through the work of the Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God's generosity is the source, the support, and the outcome of our own. We give because God has freely given. We give to support the needs of our church leaders—past, present, and future—and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders.

Church Office News: The church office will be closed from December 25 to January 1. It will reopen on January 2. Both Wendy and Ellen will be on vacation. Wendy will be in town, so if there is an emergency feel free to call her at home (721-1075). She will be leading worship on December 31st.

We will have one Ambassador for December and January. The deadline for the February newsletter will be January 16.

On Sunday, December 31, we will have a service that features carols and a special story. We will be announcing an expansion of existing ministries, so come join us as we continue to grow the ways in which we show Christ around us.

CHURCH STAFF

Wendy S. Pratt, Pastor
Ellen Jackson, Admin. Asst.
Sue Settle, Clerk of Session
Sarah Dymond, Handbell Choir Dir.
Mark McElwee, Adult Choir Dir.
Frederick Isaac, Accompanist
Sarah Dymond, Financial Secretary Joe Frick, Treasurer
Kyle Dymond, Website Coordinator
Jane Thomas, Program Director of KIDS HOPE USA
Cindy Schilling, Assistant Director of KIDS HOPE USA
Cheyenne Storey, Youth Leader
Emily Overton, Child Care Provider

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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of '17

Susan Keys
Bonnie Reemsnyder
Terri Westmoreland

Class of '18

Kyle Dymond
Jan Small
Sharon VanCourt

Class of '19

Kerri Buchanan

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Julie Boedeker
Rhonda Fort
Joe Frick

Class of '18

John Elsinga
Mary Meier
Ginny Noble

Class of '19

Kris Fry
Mark McElwee
Kathy Peters

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We want to minister to you and support you, so if you, someone in your family, or 3others are in the hospital or in need of a visit or prayer, please contact the office or your deacon.

Email Prayers. If you would like to receive email prayer requests, send an email to [**deltaprays@gmail.com**](mailto:deltaprays@gmail.com) indicating your interest. If you have a situation in need of prayer, send an email to [**deltaprays@gmail.com**](mailto:deltaprays@gmail.com) and we will send it out to those who have expressed a willingness to pray.

Wendy's day off is Friday. If you need to contact Wendy, her home phone is 721-1075, or she can be reached through e-mail at [**wendy@deltapresby.org**](mailto:wendy@deltapresby.org). Please feel free to contact her at any time if you have an emergency.

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