

**Reading:** Mark 12: 1-12 page 1089

**Sermon:** "Old Man Jones Was Right" Rev. Dr. Mitch Van Metre

**\*Carol:** #253 "Silent Night" (lighting of the candles)

**\*Carol:** #270 "Joy to the World"

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

(Once you have left the sanctuary, please extinguish your candle.)

***You are welcomed to join us immediately following the service for a time of fellowship and light refreshments served in Truesdell Hall.***

Your Aveleigh church family wishes you The Merriest Christmas ever, and encourages you and yours to return on Sunday, December 31, for a special 10:30 am service. All Sunday School classes are meeting at 9:30 am.

Two weeks from today (Sunday, January 7, 2018) is our annual service of ordination and installation of new church deacons and elders and Aveleigh's first communion service for 2018. The 10:30 am service on January 7 service will be followed by a fellowship luncheon in Truesdell Hall.



*Merry Christmas*

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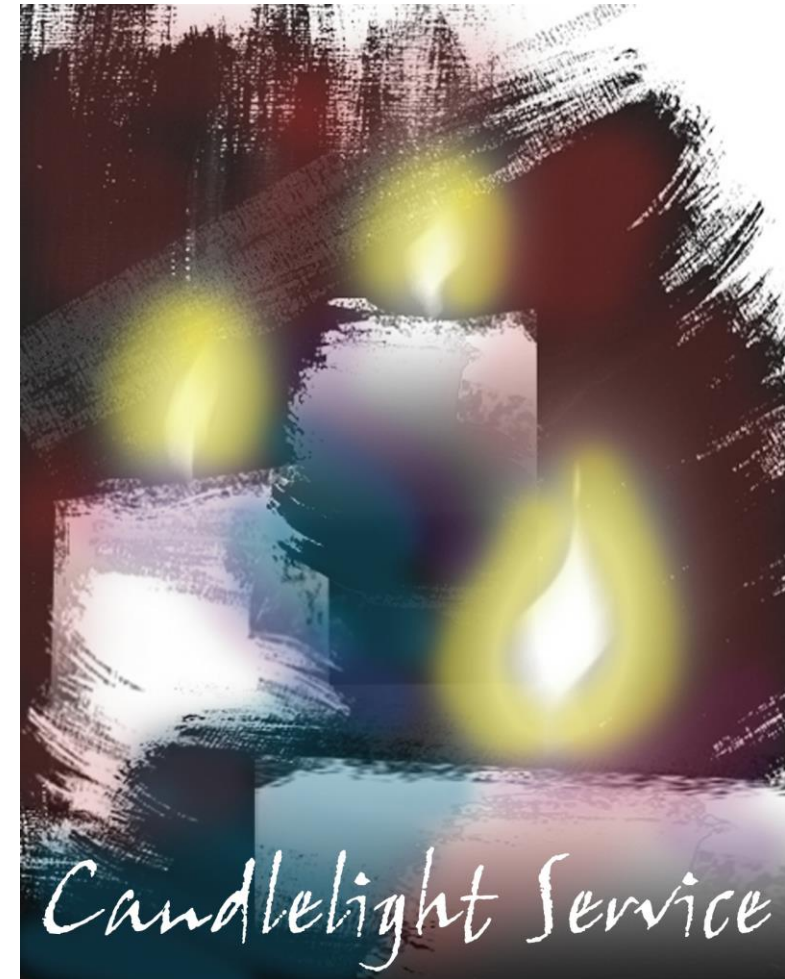
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**December 24, 2017**

**6 p.m.**



December 24, 2017  
Christmas Eve Worship  
6:00 p.m.

**Prelude** “Angels We Have Heard On High” arr. Burroughs  
The Aveleigh Ringers

**Welcome & Concerns of the Church**

**Call to Worship**

\***Carol:** #249 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Prayer of Adoration**

**All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your Son, light in darkness, hope of the world, whom You sent to save all. With angels let us praise Your name, and tell the earth His story so that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging Your love born in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Purcell Family**

**Invitation to Present our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Byzantine Christmas” Capodagio The Aveleigh Ringers

**Mary and Joseph Come to Bethlehem**

**Luke 2:1-7** pg. 1099 – 1100

**Prayer**

Leader: We confess, Lord, that sometimes we have been like the innkeeper having no room for Christ, all the floor space of our lives being filled with other people and other things.

**All: Give us, during this season, a receptiveness which makes room for the Savior, and a humility which proclaims Him, born this day the light of our lives. Amen.**

\***Carol:** #250 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**The Entrance of the Angels**

**Luke 2: 8-14** pg. 1100

**Prayer**

Leader: We acknowledge, Father, that our holiday preparations often distract us from our Holy participation. We allow the sound of “Jingle Bells” and Santa Claus to drown out the angels singing.

**All: In the wondrous light of Your glory, give us the peace of which the angels did sing. Amen.**

**Solo:** “In the Bleak Midwinter” Barbara Ellis

**The Shepherds Come and Worship**

**Luke 2: 15-20** pg. 1100

**Prayer**

Leader: God of peace, we offer prayers for all who are in anguish this day, and just as the shepherd ran in the dark night to discover the peace of Christ born, call us from the burdens of our dark hours.

**All: To live in the light of Your counsel, Your goodness, Your Son, for You increase our gladness always. Amen.**

\***Carol:** #277 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**The Gifts of the Magi**

**Matthew 2:1-12** pg. 1036

**Prayer**

Leader: Eternal God, Light of the World, sometimes we have been like King Herod, unwilling to acknowledge the rule of another King, unable to relinquish our control to trust in You. Free us from our fear, pride and guilt.

**All: And let Your light in each of us bring joy to others. Amen.**

**Solo:** “O Holy Night” Tracy Swygert