



# *Candlelight Service*

*2017*

**MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morristown, New Jersey

**7:10 p.m.**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

Jennifer Yang, Organ

*Fanfare*

Jacque-Nicholas Lemmens

*A Christmas Carol Sequence*

Jerry van der Pol

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Diane Bish

*Christmas Medley*

Diane Bish

*Carol Rhapsody*

Richard Purvis  
Christmas Eve  
7:30 p.m.

† HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*  
(Verse 1 solo, verse 2 choir only, verses 3 and 4 congregation joins)

See insert

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho*

Leader: This evening we kneel with families all over the earth in the presence of the Most High.

People: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

Leader: As we have been invaded by light, let us enlighten.

People: **As we have been found, let us seek out the lost.**

Leader: As we have been liberated, let us set the captives free.

All: **For to us a child is born, One whom God sends to bring peace and light, freedom and reconciliation. Thanks be to God.**

† OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

No. 234

† CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-23

*Jack Scharf*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, **but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.** Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, **“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.** She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. **All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:** “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

ANTHEM

*A Hymn to the Virgin*  
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

*Featuring semi-chorus: Maria Cattano, soprano; Teresa Mitchell, alto; Andy Cattano, tenor; Matthew Michal, bass*

† OPENING PRAYER

*Kris Hansen*

**We praise you God, that in Jesus Christ you have come to us to speak your Word of love and life. Touch us with unearthly joy, like the singing of angels; fill us with wonder, like the eyes of children; teach us to humble ourselves before you, like the worshiping magi. May our journey to the manger be only the beginning of a lifetime of service to Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Dr. Cho*

ANTHEM

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
Chancel Choir

arr. John Rutter

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

*Kris Hansen*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.** All went to their own towns to be registered. **Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,** because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, **because there was no place for them in the inn.**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,** and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, **“Do not be afraid; for see—I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Dr. Cho*

Offertory

*Vom Himmel*

*hoch, da Komm ich her* Friedrich W. Zachau

† Doxology

No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

† Prayer of Dedication

*Jack Scharf*

† CAROL

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

No. 240

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*Make We Joy Now in this Fest*  
Chancel Choir

Malcom Archer

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:16-17

*Jack Scharf*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, **so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.** Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, **but in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

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SERMON

**“The Miracle of Jesus’ Birth”**

*Dr. Cho*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(The ushers will light the candles of the congregation. People will tilt their candles to the flame of the lit candle. Lit candles should remain upright at all times.)

† CAROL

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

No. 239

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face; with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!  
(Candles remain lit until after the*

† BENEDICTION

*Dr. Cho*

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Joy to the World*

No. 246

† POSTLUDE

*Fantasia on a French Carol*

arr. Robert J. Hughes

† Please stand if you are able.



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**to you and all of your loved ones!**

After worship tonight, please take your ordered poinsettias with you and enjoy them. God bless.

Thank you to our Chancel Choir for their inspiring and heartwarming music this evening.