

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
the Transformation of the World*
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2014 – 7:00 PM

***Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

(PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Gesu Bambino (The Baby Jesus) *Pietru Yon* *Ed Keller*

WELCOME *Pastor Rochelle Frazier*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES/
CHRIST CANDLE *Ruth and Gloria Macapagal, Ronnie
and Rhoda Razon*

**Hymn *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* UMH#238

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin to our glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. Let us remember the hungry and the homeless, the grieving and the sick, the aged and the child, and for those who love Him or not. Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, near and far, whose multitude we cannot number and whose hope is in our Lord Jesus, we

forevermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us,
The LORD's Prayer UMH 895

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rhoda Razon

Carol *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* UMH#196

Second Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Gail Stringer

Carol *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UMH#230

Third Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Ruth Macapagal

Carol *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* UMH#234

Fourth Lesson John 1:1-4, 14 Ronnie Razon

Special Christmas Music SHUMC Chancel Choir

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Rochelle

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION *“The Messiah in a Manger”* Pastor Rochelle

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*(Please come to the altar and place your offering envelopes
in the basket by the manger and get a candle)*

OFFERTORY *“O Holy Night”* Adolpe Adam

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **UMH#94**

****THANKSGIVING PRAYER** *Pastor Rochelle*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“Silent Night” (see back of bulletin)*

BENDICITION

(Please follow Pastor Rochelle out into the quad area, as we sing Silent Night)

(NOTE: Paste the song Silent Night, Holy Night here)

Silent Night, Holy Night



**Christ the Savior
Is Born!**