

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2016 – 7:00 PM

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)**

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

Pastor Rochelle

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

O Come, All Ye Faithful Wade/Page Ed Keller

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES/
CHRIST CANDLE *Joselito and Myrna Eugenio*

****HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 1, 5-7)* *UMH#211*

INTROIT *“I Wonder As I Wander” by John Jacob Niles Patti Conner*

****THE BIDDING PRAYER (Unison)**

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* *Becky Fernando*

CAROL *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* *UMH#218*

SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9* *Gail Stringer*

CAROL *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* *UMH#240*

THIRD LESSON *Luke 1:26-35, 38* *Cherrie Laxamana*

CAROL *“There's a Song in the Air”* *UMH#249*

FOURTH LESSON *John 1:1-4, 14* *Doug Stringer*

CHORAL ANTHEM *“Mary Did You Know”* *SHUMC Chancel Choir*

FIFTH LESSON *Titus 2:11-14* *Pastor Rochelle*

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

CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTION *“The Journey”* *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

OFFERING

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

WE DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

(Please form a circle around the sanctuary and light the candle of the person next to you as we sing Silent Night)

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

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



Christ the Savior is Born!