

CHRISTMAS EVE



Sparta United Methodist Church

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SPARTA
United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

24 December 2011 6:00 pm

PRELUDE

Jay Galbraith

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Kathy Mock

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.**

*HYMN No. 217 "Away in a Manger"

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God our Father, you have brought us again to the
glad season when we celebrate the birth of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our
hearts this day and that we may joyfully
welcome him to reign over us.**

**Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic
chorus of old.**

**Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted
hearts.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace,
goodwill toward all;**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"Like Shepherds, You and I"

Rev. Bob Miller

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

HYMN No. 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jay Galbraith

**Standing as you are able.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*As the ushers light the candles of persons on the end of the pew,
please dip your unlit candle into the lighted one and hold it up.
The person next to you will dip their unlit candle into yours until
all the candles are lit. You may take your candle home with you
as a symbol of Christ's light in your life or you may recycle them
in the containers provided for you.*