

A photograph of five lit candles in shades of purple and pink, arranged in a row against a dark stone wall background. The candles are lit, and their flames are bright yellow. The candles are of varying heights and colors, with the tallest one in the center being a lighter shade of purple. The background is a dark, textured stone wall. The entire scene is framed by a thin purple border.

FILL US ALL WITH

A decorative border at the bottom of the page featuring green pine needles, purple flowers, and small purple berries. The word "Christ" is written in a large, elegant, gold-colored cursive font, overlapping the greenery.

Christ

December 24th 2016

Christmas Eve 2016 Joint Service 5:00 p.m.

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE **“What is This Lovely Fragrance?”** By: Paul Manz

“Still, Still, Still” By: Paul Manz

(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

INTROIT **“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”** *VUMC CHOIR*

WELCOMING WORDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER

****OPENING CHRISTMAS CAROL** **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** (vs. 1, 3, 6) **UMH 234**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

AARON, ANGIE, GRANT AND GRADYN HANSON

Leader: Tonight our Christmas Wreath will beam with light.

People: For tonight, we light the Christmas Candle.

Leader: Christ is the light of the world who shines in the darkness.

People: The Christ Candle is lit to remind us of the birth of the Child.

Leader: The Child Jesus, is himself a sign.

People: The Child Jesus, is born of a virgin, who is named Marcy.

Leader: The Child Jesus, is Emmanuel, “God with us.”

People: The Christ Candle is lit to remind us of the birth of the Child.

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Christ is the Light of the World, may His light shine upon us all.

PRAYER: O Holy God, it is Christmas Eve, Advent is over. Thank you for sending your one and only Son into the world to be our Savior. We rejoice with the Animals, Joseph, Mary, the Shepherds and the Angels.

LIGHT ALL FOUR CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

TONIGHT WE ARE PLACING THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE MANGER AS A SIGN OF HIS HOLY BIRTH.

SPECIAL MUSIC—VUMC CHOIR

CHILDREN’S TIME—children please come forward

OFFERING **“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”** ARR. BY: VIRGIL FOX

****DOXOLOGY**

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

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

LESSON	GENESIS 3:8-19	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“O Come, O Come Emanuel” (vs 1-3)	UMH 211
LESSON	GENESIS 22:15-18	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“Angels From the Realms of Glory” (vs 1-3)	UMH 220
LESSON	ISAIAH 9:2-7	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“He is Born” (vs 1 & 2)	UMH 228
LESSON	ISAIAH 11:1-9	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (all)	UMH 230
LESSON	LUKE 1:26-35; 38 (COMBINED)	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“That Boy Child of Mary” (vs 1-3)	UMH 241
LESSON	Luke 2:1-16	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“The First Noel” (vs. 1, 2)	UMH 245
LESSON	Matthew 2:1-12	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“We Three Kings” (all)	UMH 254
LESSON	John 1:1-14	
CHRISTMAS CAROL	“Joy to the World” (all)	UMH 246

CANDLE LIGHTING

UMH 217

“AWAY IN A MANGER”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

HOLY FAMILY: Tabithah (Mary) and Connor (baby Jesus) Somerfeldt,
Trygve Overbo (Joseph)

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY”** Arr. By: Ruth E. Shram

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