

New Rochelle United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24th, 2016

Gathering- Drumming

Processional- O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome/ Greetings

O Holy Night- Maya Smith

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-3

Call to Worship –

Do not be afraid; for see-

I am bringing you good news of great joy.

To us in born this day in the city of David

a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest,

and on the earth peace!

Lighting the Advent Candles

Reader 1: We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's promise fulfilled.

Reader 2: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests.

All: Blessed by the name of the Lord!

Prayer (centering silence)

O Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, we thank you that our time of hoped for salvation comes through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Forgive us for clinging to the glories of this age, worldly passions and impious pursuits, self-indulgent, crooked, and ungodly ways, forgive us for walking in darkness. We pray your light continue to bring us out of the darkness we are sometimes willing to walk in. On this Eve as we wait with anticipation the coming of your Son, we seek your Holy presence in all things in every area of our lives.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:4-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Choir- Mary Did You Know

Christmas Eve Prayer

Scripture Reading- Luke 2:8-14

Angels We Have Heard On High

Young and Young at Heart

Choir- One Bright Star

Scripture Reading- Luke 2:15-20

Special Music

Sermon-

Away In A Manger

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the spirit, holy spirit, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Offertory Prayer

Great God our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. How precious is your gift of love! Let the light in our sanctuary and our songs of praise spill through the windows to neighbors dwelling in darkness. May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and, as beacons in the night, draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (*Titus 2*)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Silent Night

Postlude-