

**The Mystery of the Incarnation**

John 1:1-5, 9-14 NT p. 86

**The Light of Christmas**

**Hymn** (*seated*)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(*stanzas 1 &2*) Red Hymnal #206

**The Gifts of Christmas**

**Presentation of the Offering**

**The Offering and Stewardship Pledges for 2019** (*You are invited to bring your pledge cards forward to the altar, or mail to the church office.*)

**Offertory**

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

Eugene Butler

**\*Response**

Doxology sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"

*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**

**\*Hymn of Discipleship**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(*stanzas 1-4*) Red Hymnal #211

**\*Benediction**

**\*Carrying Out the Light**

**Postlude**

The God of Abraham Praise

Lani Smith

*If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.*

John "Jack" Milbrodt, Acolyte

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***Welcome to Yardley United Methodist Church!***

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**December 9, 2018**

Second Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens and Pledge Commitment Sunday

11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

**Prelude** Once In Royal David's City Lani Smith

**Introit** People, Look East Arr. Tom Mitchell

**Welcome** Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

*Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.*

### Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### \*Responsive Reading

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

**People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the son of God?

**People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

**All: Glory to God in the highest!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** Heralds of Christ Red Hymnal #567

### Advent Candlelighting *(seated)*

Leader: In a world of war, violence and abuse, where families live in shelters and children grow up in fear, God, we call upon you to come.

**People: In a world where peace seems to be so far away, we call upon you, Prince of Peace, to come.**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Peace into our world. We await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, who comes into our lives in a new way.

**People: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us.**

Leader: Dear God, we pray for the peace that only You can bring through your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we walk in your paths as we light the candle of peace.

**All: Amen.**

*(Light two purple candles)*

**Candlelighting Song** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *(stanza 1)* Hymnal #196  
*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Red Hymnal #881

### Prayer for Others

**The Lord's Prayer** Red Hymnal #895

**\*Passing the Peace** *(Please greet others by saying "Peace be with you.")*

**Ministry of Music** Jus' a Little Farther to Go N. Dexter, Arr. C. Bolt

## THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

### Introduction

**The Spirit of the Lord Shall Rest on Him** Isaiah 11:1-10 OT p. 602

**The Poinsettia** *(bring forward poinsettias and the Jesse Tree ornaments)*

**Hymn** *(seated)* Jesus, Name above All Names Black Hymnal #2071

**The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 OT p. 600

**The Evergreens** *(Hang wreaths and swag)*  
**Hymn** *(seated)* Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *(stanza 1)* Red Hymnal #216

**The Prophet Foretells the Suffering of Jesus** Isaiah 53:1-6 OT p. 642

**Holly and Ivy** *(bring forward Holly and Ivy)*  
**Hymn** *(seated)* It Came upon the Midnight Clear *(stanzas 1 & 2)* Red Hymnal #218

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