

# The First United Methodist Church of Montclair & Verona



## Christmas Eve Service LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24, 2020  
7:30 pm

**PRELUDE**

*"Once In Royal David's City"*

*Arr. Lani Smith*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *A New Day Dawnin'!* (Based on Isaiah 9:2-7)

One: We were down in the dark, now we glimpse a great light.

**Many: Thank God, we see a new day dawnin'!**

One: What was nothing is turning to something. Terror tried us,  
storms denied us. Injustice angered us, apathy discouraged us.  
But thank God today that,

**Many: We see a new day dawnin'!**

One: Oppression giving way to overflow.

**Many: We see a new day dawnin'!**

One: Burdens becoming blessings!

**Many: We see a new day dawnin'!**

One: Sadness to salvation!

**Many: We see a new day dawnin'!**

One: The yoke is broke! A new day is dawnin'!

For a Savior is born for us. Wonderful Counselor – guide for us.

Everlasting God – provider for us. Prince of Peace – drawing near to us.

**All: It's a new day! And I thank God for it!**

**Let us worship the Lord our God!**

## INVOCATION

### OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Nicole & Michael

Reader **One**: Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;  
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

Reader **Two**: It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the  
Christ Candle.

**All: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.**

Readers: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

**All: A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!**

### THE FELLOWSHIP GREETING OF PEACE

The Prince of Peace lives within us! Let us share the peace with one another.

*"The Peace of Christ be always with you!"*

### LESSON I

John 1:1-4

Joe Myers

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Ken (Piano) & Nicole (Cello)

### LESSON II

Isaiah 9:6-7

Esther Kim

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gesù Bambino"

Amy Anderson

### LESSON III

Micah 5:2-5

James Morello

### HYMN

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

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### LESSON IV

Luke 1:26-35

Olivia Duho

### WORSHIP DANCE

"Mary Did You Know"

Nicole Peaks

### LESSON V

John 1:5-14

David Winful

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Piano by Stefon Arseneault

**LESSON VI**

Matthew 1:18-25

Nicole Peaks

**HYMN**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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**LESSON VII**

Luke 2:1-7

Michael Stewart

**MESSAGE**

**"A Never Ending Story"**

Rev. Myungim Kim

**PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**HYMN**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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**BENEDICTION/ CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

