## Happy Birthday, Jesus

You were born in a stable
Many years ago
And wrapped in swaddling cloths
And laid in a manger low.

Your virgin mother, Mary, Gleamed at your holy birth For you were born a Savior To all of us on earth.

Your carpenter father, Joseph, Marveled at the sight For he knew that a miracle Had happened on that night.

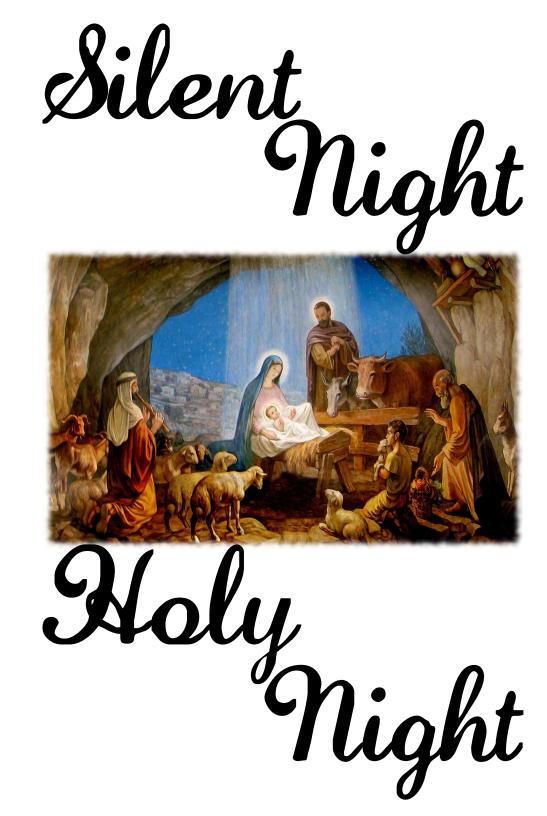
The cattle stood in silence Around your humble bed It was their feeding manger On which you laid you head.

Your loving mother and father With faces all aglow Knew that you were special For an angel told them so.

You were just a little baby
Born in a lowly place
But you have given each of us
The loving gift of grace.

Happy Birthday, Jesus As we celebrate your birth And thank you, God, for Jesus And the peace we have on earth.

> Wilma H. Mitchell 2011



## Otterbein United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2019 ~ 7 pm



Welcome

Prelude Silent Night
Anthony VanPelt, violin

\*Greeting (John 1:1, 14a))

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

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

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\*Opening Prayer

Homily

\*Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

\*Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

(NT, page 58)

Anthem

The First Noel

arr. Robinson

"GOOD NEWS"

We Give Our Thanks

\*Hymn Joy to the World No. 246, UMH

Invitation, Confession and Pardon No. 12, UMH

Giving of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Ave Maria
Anthony VanPelt, violin

Bach-Gouned

\*Doxology

Tune VENI EMMANUEL

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Solo

arr. Lanier

Rev. Adam Blagg

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Linda Conrad, soprano

\*Great Thanksgiving

No. 13, UMH

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion will be offered by intinction.

Service of Candle Lighting

As "Silent Night" is being sung, the lights will be dimmed and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The ushers will then light the candles of the first worshiper in each pew. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper.

Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Before leaving the pew, worshipers are asked to extinguish their candles.

\*Hymn

Silent Night

See PowerPoint

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Pastor: Rev. Adam Blagg
Lay Reader: Carole Gaines

**Greeters**: Dennis & Carole Gaines

Casey & Kathy Billhimer
Nursery: Claudia & Mary Andes

Organist: Sandy Schaefer