

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 your 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

Silent Night



Holy Night

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



Welcome

Prelude *Silent Night* arr. Lanier
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

*Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 234, UMH
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

*Scripture Luke 2:1-20 (NT, page 58)

Anthem *The First Noel* arr. Robinson

Homily "GOOD NEWS" Rev. Adam Blagg

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* Bach-Gouned
Anthony VanPelt, violin

*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 *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	Greeters: Dennis & Carole Gaines
Lay Reader: Carole Gaines	Casey & Kathy Billhimer
Organist: Sandy Schaefer	Nursery: Claudia & Mary Andes