Hvery Merry Christmas to you from First Congregational Church.

We hope your Christmas is filled with the joys of home and family, warmed by the blessings of friendship, and touched with the beauty of the season.



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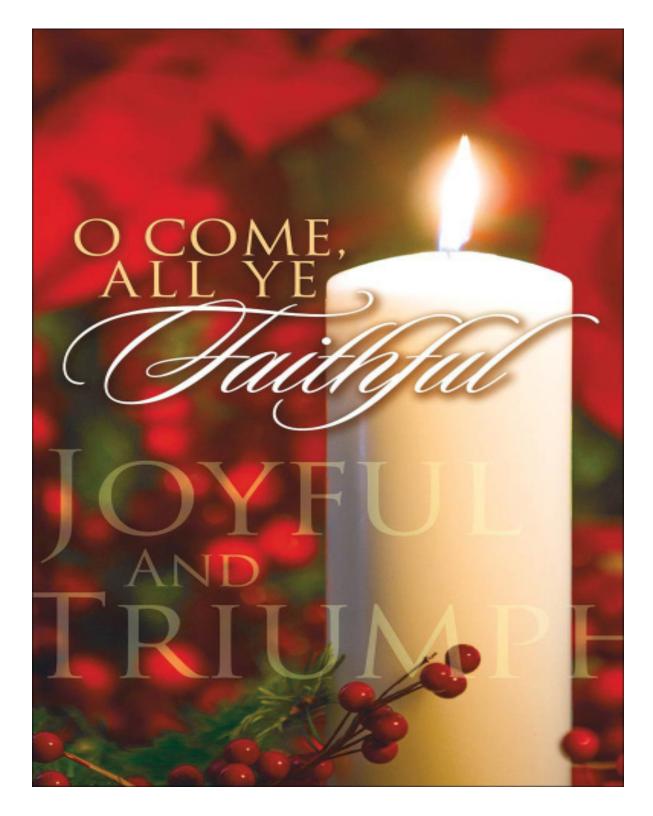
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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WAUWATOSA

Candlelight Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2021 - 10:00 PM

Like the shepherds, let us find Christ among us!

PRELUDE Fantasia on Adeste Fideles Geoffrey Shaw

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

O Come, All Ye Faithful CHOIR verses 1-2 & 4

INVOCATION (read in unison)

Cindy Walsh

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, we come as your faithful people to Bethlehem on this silent night. We come to gather around the manger and see for ourselves this wondrous thing of which we have heard. We come to worship the baby born to be king. Make us worthy to receive your gift of grace, O God. And let us go from this place renewed in our faith so we may give your gift of love and peace to each person we meet, as it was given to us so long ago. Hear us now as we pray together the words that Jesus taught us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SOLO

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Anne & Phil Callen

Bible, pg. 627

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7 Bible, pg. 624 THE FIRST LESSON O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verses 1, 2 & 4 QUARTET Elle Dannecker, Jill Bruss, Anthony Andronczyk and Brett Hanisko

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9

THE ANNUNCIATION Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Anthony Andronczyk, Soloist

Bible, pg. 931 THE THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Coventry Carol arr. by Cindy Berry PIANO DUET

Rhonda Kwiecien and Katelyn Peterson, pianists

AT THE MANGER

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Bible, pg. 933 Cradle Hymn arr. by Susan Brumfield **CHOIR**

THE SHEPHERDS ON THE HILLSIDE

THE FIFTH LESSON Bible, pg. 933 Luke 2:8-20 *Joy to the World* **CHOIR** Verses 1 and 4

THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

THE SIXTH LESSON *Matthew 2:1-12* Bible, pg. 877 O Holy Night arr. by John Leavitt **CHOIR** Choir & Jillian Bruss, Soloist

"We're Here to Remember" Rev. Bill Trump CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

CHRISTMAS PRAYER [choral response]

What Child is This setting by Paul Manz **OFFERTORY**

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Note to Congregation: Please put on your mask for the singing of Silent Night. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS - Choir & Congregation

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly host sing alleluia. Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.