# STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing - Together - In Spirit Christmas 1 December 27, 2020

### **WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:** 

**Invitation to Worship:** 

**Hymn:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1-3) #64

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
  O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
- 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessed gift of heaven.

  No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

**Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church** 

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Musical Offering: "All Poor Ones and Humble" (#68)

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 & Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon: "2020 is Hindsight."

### WE RESPOND IN LOVE

**Call to Prayer:** (We join in a spirit of prayer with the Koshi chimes)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation** 

The Lord's Prayer:

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

**Prayer of Dedication:** 

#### WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

**Commissioning and Benediction** 

**Hymn:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 4)

#64

4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: