

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
December 24, 2015
Christmas Eve Family Service

PRELUDE “Selections from a ‘Peanuts’ Christmas” Guaraldi
“Selections from ‘The Nutcracker’” Tchaikovsky
“A Medley of Children’s Christmas Music”

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING Debi Hockenberry,
Director of Christian Education

***OPENING HYMN** #143 “Joy to the World”

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE Stacy and Lana Houlberg

Reader 1: Come and see!

Reader 2: The light of God has come into our world. It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.

Reader 1: Come and follow!

Reader 2: Christ our companion has redeemed our world. He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.

Reader 1: Go and tell!

Reader 2: The Spirit has equipped us for service. To bring God’s salvation to the ends of the earth.

Lighting the Christ Candle (in silence)

Readers 1 & 2: Come and see, come and follow, go and tell! In God’s love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

DUET “Mary Did You Know?” M. Lowry/B. Greene
Hannah Ramsdell, Dennis Nevins

“TWAS the LIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

BRINGING OUR GIFTS Three Kings

OFFERTORY “Jesus Christ Is Born Today” G. Grier/D. Wagner
Hallelujah Singers

PRAYER of DEDICATION and BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** #167 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

BENEDICTION Rev. Robin Bird

POSTLUDE “Angel Carols” Smith

****All who are able are invited to stand.***

“’Twas the Light Before Christmas”

Scene 1: The Census Takers

“Dewey, Cheatham, and Howe” *(insert)*
with the Cima, Jackson and Bird families
Taunya Bird, Assistant Director

Scene 2: The Innkeepers

“Out of Room at the Inn” *(insert)*
with the Turner and Uldrikis families
Millie Oliphant, Assistant Director

Scene 3: The Star Trackers

“Star Trackers” *(insert)*
with the Hampton and Bradford families
Deb Hampton, Assistant Director

Scene 4: The Angels

“Glory” *(insert)*
with the Westerberg family
Lois Hasty, Assistant Director

Participants

Vanessa - Hannah Ramsdell

Raylene - Megan Hasty

Angel - Sophie Becker

Mary - Maddy Condry

Joseph - Chad Moreau

Three Kings - Seth Jensen, Garrett Jensen and Nick Giordano

Cast

Kate Cima, Dan Cima, Hayden Cima, Rachel Jackson, Chris Jackson, Cole Jackson, Taunya Bird, Robin Bird, Cheryl Turner, Sarah Turner, Michael Turner, Debi Hockenberry, Christa Hockenberry, Ryan Fujimoto, Millie Oliphant, Emily Hampton, Deb Hampton, Karen Bradford, Julianne Bradford, Joe Bradford, Emily Westerberg, Steve Westerberg, Lilly Westerberg, Paul Westerberg, Hannah Ramsdell, Megan Hasty, Sophie Becker, Maddy Condry, Chad Moraeu, Seth Jensen, Garrett Jensen, Jonathan Uldrikis, Addison Uldrikis, Kiley Uldrikis, Lois Hasty

Hallelujah Singers

Lilly Westerberg, Paul Westerberg, Julianne Bradford, Joe Bradford, Cole Jackson, Chris Jackson, Cam Doyle
Althea Madigan, Director

The Poinsettias are given by the church family.

There will be a **Candlelight Service** tonight at **11 PM**.

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to the Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ. This fund supports monthly pension supplementation for 325 lower-income retired UCC clergy and lay employees, quarterly health premium supplementation for 209 lower-income retired UCC clergy and lay employees, emergency grants for 50 active/retired UCC clergy and lay employees. If you would like to write a check, we'd ask that you make it out to FCCV and in the memo please put *Christmas Fund*. Thank you so much for your gift of compassion!

Merry Christmas!!!