Welcome Inn
December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve

PRELUDE – Mary Did You Know - Lowry/Greene
Susie Benton, soprano

WELCOME

MUSICAL SUMMONS – I Wonder as I Wander - J. Niles
Thomas Woodman, baritone

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Wesley/Mendelssohn
Vocal Quartet

FIRST LESSON – God’s Promise of Deliverance - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SOLO: O Come, All Ye Faithful - Wade
Brad Peterson, tenor

SOLO: *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* - MacGimsey
Carol Woodman, soprano

THIRD LESSON – Jesus’ Birth is Proclaimed - Luke 2:8-14

TRIO: *Angels We Have Heard on High* - Traditional French carol/arr. Barnes
Susie Benton, soprano
Brad Peterson, tenor
Julia Taylor, descant


SOLO: *The First Noel* - Traditional English carol
Julia Taylor, soprano

FIFTH LESSON – Jesus Christ, Word Made Flesh - John 1:1-5, 14

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION – Rev. Alison J. B. Patton

CAROL: *Silent Night, Holy Night* - Mohr/Gruber
Vocal Quintet
Brad Peterson, guitar

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - Brooks/Redner
Congregation:

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us this day.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide in us, our God, Immanuel.
CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
To make a secure contribution to Saugatuck Church, text the word “give” to: (860) 200-0103. Choose “Christmas Appeal”. Thank you.

OFFERATORY DUET: O Holy Night - Adam
Carol Woodman, soprano
Tom Woodman, tenor

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION
CAROL: Joy to the World! - Watts/Handel
The Congregation
Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his live, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Angels We Have Heard on High, Refrain

PASSING THE PEACE
You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you depart.

All are invited to welcome Christmas with a brief, candle-lit, carol-sing-along in front of Saugatuck Church.

Go in peace and joy, to share the Good News of Love’s birth!

*This year’s special Christmas collection at the 5 pm and 9 pm Christmas Eve services will go to local agencies under the guidance of the Missions Board. Your support will help people reclaim their lives, their dignity and their hope. Thank you.
Thank you to:
The Bogdan family for hanging the stars that adorn our sanctuary.
The Cross family for installing the wreaths and candles.

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Worship Leaders:
Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton, Pastor
Kitty Coyne, Director of Children’s Ministry
Liang-Fang Chang, Interim Worship Accompanist
Susie Benton, Music Leader and Soloist
Julia Taylor, Music Leader and Soloist
Natalie Owens-Pike, Ministry Intern

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The Christmas Season Continues:

December 26 - Join us for a simple Christmas worship with music, reflection and carols, led by Rev. Alison Patton.

January 2 - Rev. Willie Salmond, preaching:  Join Rev. Salmond and deacon Nancy Wargo for a worship service to greet the New Year.

January 9 - An All-Ages Epiphany Worship:  We will tell the story of the magi who went looking for the Christ child, featuring an all-ages cast in On the Road to Bethlehem.

Youth and Children:

8th / 9th Grade Confirmation will meet on January 9 and January 23, 6 - 8 pm. Contact Kim Mathias at kim@mathias.org for information.

Middle School Youth Group will meet on January 11 and 25 from 6 - 7 pm in Youth Room.

The High School Youth Group meets weekly, beginning Wednesday, January 5, from 7-8:30 pm in Hoskins Hall.  All are welcome… bring a friend!

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