Service of Worship Carterville UMC December 24, 2023– Christmas Eve Advent/ White *stand if you are able

Welcome

Service Announcements about Candles and Communion

Prelude

Lighting of Worship Candles

Maybe you have a candle at your house and would like to light a candle with me to celebrate the light of Christ there with you

*Gathering Chorus 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Opening Prayer

L: O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 246 Joy to the World (1,2,4)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope, May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

Congregational Response: COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way, May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

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L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy, May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

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:L: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace,
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,
make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

Congregational Response: COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world! A light no darkness can extinguish...

Hymn 238 Angels We Have Heard on High (1,2,3)

Reading of the Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

pg 1014 pew bible

Message And You Shall Call Him Jesus

Matthew 1:18-21 pg 955 pew bible

Special Music The First Noel Dannyel and Olivia Norrington

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation to the Lord's Table

Service of Passing the Light

Music 239 Silent Night, Holy Night (1,2,4)

Closing Prayer

L: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.

P: HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD. RENDER TO NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL.

L: Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor everyone

P: LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD, REJOICING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

L: And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.

P: AMEN

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

You can find us online at cartervillefirstumc.org

Classes, Programs and Events January 2024
All Welcome!

New Year's Party

After Church head to the Fellowship Hall for a Dessert & Appetizer potluck Countdown at Noon!!

December 31st

Young @ Heart on the Road

Registration required *Cost: price of meal
January 9- Altenburg, Missouri Lutheran Heritage Museum
Box Lunches My Daddy's Cheesecake

Midweek Connection

10-11 Wednesday* Fellowship Hall*
January 17th and 31st, Every Wednesday in Lent February 14- March 27th.

Local Out to Eat

January- Asian Bistro 1/23 at 5:30

Bowling at Herrin Bowl

Registration required * Cost: \$5 per game

January 28th 4:45pm

Card Class: Valentine Cards

Registration required * Cost: \$5

February 1st 5:30

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