

Dismissal

May the One who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*New Milford United Methodist Church*

*A Service of*

*Sunday Mornings*

9:30 am *Traditional Worship Service*  
11:30 am *Contemporary Worship Service*



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*December 24, 2014—9:30 a.m.*

Processional "Carol of the Bells" *Bell Choir*

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The almighty God bless us with the divine grace: Christ gave us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

First Lesson Genesis 22:1-8

God promises to faithful Abraham that his seed shall the nations of the earth call blessed.

*Carol 246* "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

Second Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

*Carol 216* "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN ROS

Third Lesson Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Fourth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angels Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

*Carol 215* "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" ANNUNCIATION

Fifth Lesson Matthew 1:18-21

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

*Carol 245* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Anthem "Angel's Carol" *Chancel Choir*

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger.

*Carol 245* "The First Noel" THE FIRST NOEL

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" *Bell Choir*

Seventh Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

*Carol 221* "In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM

Eighth Lesson John 1:1-14

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

*Carol 239* "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Child of Bethlehem, who in love made humankind, create in us love so pure and perfect that whosoever our heart loves may be after they will, in thy name, and for thy sake. Amen.