

## December 18, 2022

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "We Three Kings" John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

Introit Chancel Choir

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**P: And hope to every discouraged heart.**

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**P: And peace to every conflicted soul.**

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**P: And joy to every downcast spirit.**

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**P: And love to everyone.**

**A: Let us offer light against the darkness as we worship God.**

\*\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray for you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1,3,4) UMH#234

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Skaggs Family

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "The First Noel" (v. 1,2) UMH#245

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "God Rest You Merry Gentleman" Traditional English Carol

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Amazing God, your love shone through the Christ Child in the manger. Bless these gifts that your light may shine through us, as well. May they offer hope and love to those most in need of it. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 8-14

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"O Blessed Jesus Child" Robert Lau

Sermon Pastor Andy Wagner  
"Angels of Christmas: Angels to the Shepherds"

\*\*Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude "He Is Born!" Traditional French Carol



*The Altar Flowers are given by Ed Stidham  
in honor of Margaret Stidham's birthday.*

## Gospel Lesson – Luke 2: 8-14

### The Shepherds and the Angels

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan
Greeter	Pam Whipp
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing, Luke Mossing
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Guest Organist	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
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**MEN OF FAITH:** The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Dec. 19 at 6:00pm** in Room 16A & B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Each person may bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. A short business meeting will follow at 6:30 PM followed by the installation of new officers for 2023. We will have Christmas Carol singing, and will close with Communion.

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