



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2024

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

## Prelude

"Toccata on 'Adeste Fideles'"	Carol Stewart, organ
"Ding Dong, Merrily on High"	Mary Ann Spahr, harp
"Born 'Neath a Star"	Pam Colbrunn, Suzanne Bandy, Glen Shaw, trio
"What Child Is This?"	Handbell Choir
"We Three Kings"	Handbell Choir
"Noel"	Victor Hess, solo
"Away in a Manger"	Mary Ann Spahr, harp
"Coventry Carol"	Carol Stewart, organ

## Greeting/Life of the Church

Liturgy for Lighting the Candles including the Christ Candle

*Pastor:* Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

**Congregation: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:7).**

*Liturgist:* We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.

\*\*Call To Worship

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**God has come to make a home among us!**

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us.**

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

\*\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION – **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, be born in our hearts this night. Shine your light into the darkness of our world, that all the earth might know your glorious presence and that all people might find hope in your love and grace. In your glorious name, we pray. Amen.**

**READING 1** Luke 2:1-3

**HYMN** "The First Noel" (v.1,2,4) UMH #245

**REFELCTION** "We're Invited Home" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Child of Hope, Child of Peace" Chancel Choir

**READING 2** Luke 2:4-7

**HYMN** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

**REFELCTION** "Jesus Is Home" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**READING 3** Luke 2:8-14

**HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (v.1-3) UMH #220

**REFELCTION** "Home Is Our Salvation" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Handbell Choir

**READING 4** Luke 2:15-20

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Christmas Sanctus" Chancel Choir

**REFELCTION** "All Are Welcome Home" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Christmas Eve Offering "All is Calm" Mary Ann Spahr, harp

\*\*Candle Lighting "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH #239

\*\*Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" (v.1-3) UMH #246

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude "O Holy Night" Carol Stewart



*Altar Flowers are given by Fred & Cheryl Whitan in memory of their parents, Paula F. & Edward J. Theroux, and Elaine I. & Kenneth L. Whitan.*



*Please place your candles in the baskets on the table in the narthex on your way out.*



*Please join us on Sundays:  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Hospitality Time  
10:30am Worship Service*



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham, Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Hand Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



**\*Candlelight Carol**

**"Silent Night"**

**UMH#239**

Silent Night, Holy Night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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Radiant beams from thy holy face  
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Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ARE GIVEN BY:**



Janet Adkins & Family in memory of Gale Adkins  
 Gary & Chris Allen in honor of Corey Allen & Family and Diana Burdick, and in memory of Bill & Doris Allen and Steve & Marion Matyi  
 Carolyn Bailey in memory of John Bailey  
 Jeff & Suzanne Bandy and Lynn Everett in honor of George & Sandra Witenko, and in memory of Phil Everett  
 Sue Ann Beam in memory of family & friends  
 Mike & Sharon Boothe in memory of Matthew Boothe and their parents  
 Richard & Tammy Byers in honor of Alice Osman and in memory of Harry Osman  
 The Fleming Family in memory of Cornelius Haske, Elden Warner, & Pearl Warner  
 John & Elaine Grayson in memory of their parents Roy & Clara Marsh and Charles & Isabelle Grayson  
 Steve Houser in memory of L. Joan Houser and Richard E. Houser  
 Elaine Hughes and Robert Dillaplain in honor of their children & grandchildren  
 The Jenkins in celebration of Family  
 Bob & Donna McColaugh in memory of Bob & Marjean McColaugh and Dean & Ruth LeFevre  
 Chad & Karen Mossing in honor of Grandma Mossing and Grandma Pinkerton, and in memory of Great Grandma Mossing and Great Grandpa Pyles  
 Betsy & Mike Murray in honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of their parents  
 Kim Nelson & JoAnne Nelson in honor of loved ones and in memory of Kevin Nelson  
 Alice Osman in memory of Harry Osman and their deceased loved ones  
 Phil & Lucy Parsons in honor of their children and in memory of their parents  
 Mary Adeline Lewis & Austin Pitcock in memory of Ron & Brenda Lewis, Karen Sue Rutter, and Patrick Robb  
 Ron, Amy, Mary Adeline, Fielding, Fisher & Sam Lewis and Austin Pitcock in memory of Brian Stephan  
 Diana Russo & John Russo, Jr. in honor of Marguerite & Jack Newhouse  
 Rob Smith in honor of Joyce Smith and Shannon Smith, and in memory of Mary Whittington and Dorothy Smith  
 Rick & Joyce Smith in honor of children, grandchildren, and Little Ruby and in memory of Robert & Mary Whittington and Carlton & Dorothy Smith  
 Luke & Billie Snell in memory of Rev. William & Rena Williams and Murray & Pauline Snell  
 Bruce & Debbie Spidler in memory of our parents Bob & Pat Spidler and Earl & Jean Grolle  
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