



December 24, 2023  
Sunday, 5:00pm

## Christmas Eve Family Service



### OPENING

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

"Away in the Manger"

"We Three Kings"

"O Holy Night"

*Will Jenkins, violin*

*Louisa Sherwood and Ella Creswick, piano*

*Louisa Sherwood, piano*

*Madeline Sherwood, piano*

### WELCOME

Pastor Dave

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sage Beyer, Skylar Bowman & Derrick Bowman

+ FIRST LESSON John 1:1-5, 9

Jay & Kyle Torres

+ CAROL UMH 234

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

*O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,*

*O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.*

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

+ SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

Louisa Sherwood

+ CAROL UMH 218 (Verses 1 & 4)

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Carol

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:*

*"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."*

*The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:1-5

Ella Creswick

CAROL UMH 230 (Verses 1 & 3)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:6-7

Bryn Creswick

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 2: 8-12, 15-18

Will Jenkins

+ CAROL UMH 238

Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)*

THE SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

Whit Jenkins

CAROL UMH 254 (Verses 1 & 5)

"We Three Kings"

Kings of Orient

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)*

*Will Creswick, Percussion*

+ THE SEVENTH LESSON John 1:10-14

Aura & Champ Jones

+ CAROL UMH 246 (Verses 1 & 4)

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

*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.*

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

OFFERING- Our offering supports local, national and global outreach ministries.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"O Holy Night"

*Catherine Wethington, soprano*

+ OFFERING RESPONSE

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The First Noel

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel*

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Each person will be given a glow stick)

+ CAROL UMH 239 (Verses 1 & 4)

"Silent Night"

Stille Nacht

*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, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

+ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

+ CLOSING

"I Wonder as I Wander"

arr. Randall Hartsell

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: the Rev. Dr. M. Davies Kirkland

Director of Music: Dr. Kimberly Hess

Ushers: Bob Miller, Tom Stafford; Greeters: Nancy Stafford, Linda Miller

Video Production: Luke Batarseh, Mark Batarseh