



December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Service



We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Green

PRELUDE

Gayle Graening

HYMNO Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This night is one of profound mystery,

Congregation: a night for unusual sounds and sights in the heavens.

Leader: This night is one of wonderful clarity,

Congregation: a night for the blessed event of our Savior's birth into this world.

Leader: This night is one of far-reaching complexity,

Congregation: a night for strangers crowding into a stable and for kings starting upon a journey.

Leader: This night is one of touching simplicity,

**Congregation: a night for receiving a gift and for cradling God's love in our hearts.
We gather to worship on this best of all nights!****LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Chris and Leah Beth Mason & family

Reader 1: Jesus Christ is the true reason for hope, peace, joy, and love in this season and forever. As we light the Christ candle, celebrating the end of Advent and the arrival of Christ and Christmas, let us remember how our savior came once as a lowly baby, that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return one day in glory.

Reader 2: *"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:9-14)

(The white center candle is lit.)

Reader 1: *"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"* (John 8:12)

Reader 2: On this holiest of nights,**Congregation: we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.****Reader 1:** On this most silent night,**Congregation: we come, with our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.****Reader 2:** On this night of carols and candlelight,**Congregation: we come, with our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us. Amen.****A CHRISTMAS LITANY**

Tim Smith

Leader: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the World has come.

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: And this light is a light for all: igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, and goodwill to all. Amen!

OFFERATORY PRAYER

Rev. Sean Stanfield

ANTHEM

O Holy Night

Robin Stanfield & Rick Sims

CHILDREN'S HAND BELLS

Children's Music Ministry

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	Rick Brown
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CAROL	<i>The First Noel</i>	UMH 245
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SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-14	Robin Stanfield
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CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	UMH 238
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SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	Charlotte Mason
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CAROL	<i>We Three Kings</i>	UMH 254
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SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:16-20	Karen Shrode
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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Rev. Sean Stanfield

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.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Rev. Sean Stanfield

BABY JESUS VIDEO

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: This is a magical night. God-with-us has come to touch our world, our lives. God-with-us has come to bring us out of darkness into a glorious light. God-with-us invites us now to come to the table, believing in the promises of God fulfilled tonight. Here we hear angels, and see shepherds, and are transformed by a baby. Here love is offered, and love is found, in the sharing of bread and cup. Here we find our journey's end and its beginning.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above!

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Holy Spirit!

Pastor: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Christ the Lord!

Pastor: For in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering Christ, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Lydia Esmer

PRAYER

Rev. Sean Stanfield

READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

Rev. Sean Stanfield

***SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***CAROL**

Silent Night, Holy Night

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***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sean Stanfield

POSTLUDE

Gayle Graening

*Please stand as you are able

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Altar Flowers today are provided by Norm Kranz to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

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Please join us on Sunday, December 25

for our
Blended Worship Service
at 10:00 am

with Christmas Breakfast
to Follow the Service

