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Calendar

December 24 – January 2 – Church Office Closed

We welcome our friends from Crossroads UMC and their pastor Rev. Michael Cuffee. Thank you for being a part of this Christmas Eve worship.

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Celeste Heath

Come, all that are faithful, and all that seek him.

It is the season to sing and rejoice!

The symbol of new hope and spirit shines, the spirit of peace.

And we would follow and find that peace.

We now have a promise fulfilled by God.

That the Christ who is born will call us to a new life of faith and action!

Carol 234 O Come All Ye Faithful verses 1,3,6

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: Tonight we gather to remember 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. Great will be his authority, 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 9:6-7).

All: We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

Reader 2: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

Anthem All My Heart

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Michael Cuffee

Carol 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Second Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Rev. Ellen Comstock

Carol 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1,2,4

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 Rev. Dr. Celeste Heath

Carol The Angel Gabriel All sing the Refrain

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Rev. Michael Cuffee

Carol 2097 One Holy Night in Bethlehem v. 1,2

Fifth Lesson Luke 2: 8-16 Rev. Ellen Comstock

Offering

Carols 240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing v. 1,2

238 Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1,2,3

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Rev. Dr. Celeste Heath

Carol 245 The First Noel v.1,3,5

Seventh Lesson John 1: 1-14 Rev. Michael Cuffee

Anthem I Wonder as I Wander

Service of Holy Communion

Spreading the Light of Christ Silent Night

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of
redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at
thy birth.**

**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.**

Benediction

Response Joy to the World v. 1,2,4

**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.**

**Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs
employ, While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

**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.**