



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, December 24, 2025; Christmas Eve
5 pm Candlelight Service**

Gathering Music

Cantata Choir, Voces Sacris, Gospel Gagas, Lisa Frisch, flute, Jenna Frisch, harp, Brian Jaffe, percussion, Abby Skinner

Sing Gloria! - Cantata Choir and instruments
(Joel Raney)

Lift Up Your Eyes - Gospel Gagas
(Linda Lee Johnson, Tom Fettke) CCLI Song # 63644

A Christmas Prayer - Gospel Gagas
(Phillips Brooks, Tom Fettke) CCLI Song # 568682

Sing We Noel - Cantata Choir and Instruments
(Joel Raney)

The Angel Gabriel - Voces Sacris
(Sabione Baring Gould, Edward L. Stauff)

Fum, Fum, Fum - Voces Sacris
(Alice Parker, Robert Shaw)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Voces Sacris
(arr. Michael Praetorius, Theodore Baker)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Cantata Choir
(arr. Thomas Helmore, Tim Kile, Dan Forrest, John Mason Neale)

Prelude
(Pietro A. Yon)

Gesù Bambino

Pat Mapel

***Opening Hymn** *Christmas Hymn Medley*

#234 - O Come All Ye Faithful

(C. Frederick Oakley, John Francis Wade) CCLI Song #7031866

Verse 1

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.

O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 3

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. O sing all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

#230 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Lewis Henry Redner, Phillips Brooks) CCLI Song #27879

Verse 1

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.

Verse 3

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.

#3064 - On Christmas Night

CCLI Song #2816359

Verse 1

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.

News of great joy, news of great mirth. News of our merciful King's birth.

Verse 4

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night
All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night
Glory to God and peace to men now and forevermore. Amen.

Congregational Greeting

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Advent Wreath Lighting

Reader 1: Tonight, we focus on the sense of sight, looking at the light of Christ and the love that fills our lives as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Reader 2: We see the light of Christ that fills our lives with hope, peace, joy, and love. We see the love of God in the face of our neighbors, and we are moved to share that love with others. (**READER TWO – LIGHT CANDLE AS READER ONE READS NEXT PART**)

Reader 1: Light the final candle, the Christ Candle as a symbol of love.

Reader 2: Let us pray: We thank you, O God, for the gifts of our senses, which allow us to feel your presence in our lives. Help us to use these senses to share your love with the world, and to celebrate the coming of Christ with faith, hope, peace, joy, and of course love.

Readers: Katie Vigil and Dona Henry

Advent Wreath Musical Response

Cantata Choir, Lisa Frisch, flute, Jenna Frisch, harp, Brian Jaffe, percussion

See Amid the Winter's Snow

(Edward Caswell, John Goss, arr. Mary McDonald) One License # 209814

Children's Time

Emily Butler

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Cantata Choir, Lisa Frisch, flute, Jenna Frisch, harp, Brian Jaffe, percussion

(Edmund H. Sears, Richard Willis, arr. Joel Raney) One License # 212605

Christmas Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-20

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Lay Reader: Greg Futch

Sermon "Sensing the Sacred: SIGHT"

Hymn #431 - *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(Sy Miller, Jill Jackson, arr. Charles H. Webb) One License # 50630

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth. The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now
with ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow
to take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Sharing the Light

Special Music *Still, Still, Still*

Cantata Choir, Lisa Frisch, flute, Jenna Frisch, harp, Brian Jaffe, percussion

Closing Hymn #239 - *Silent Night*

One License # 113990

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; heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!"

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

(3rd verse is sung accapella)

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.

Benediction

Sending Forth Music
(Adolphe Adam)

O Holy Night

Pat Mapel

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