

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE 2025
4 and 7 PM

PRELUDE
CHRISTMAS GREETING
READING OF THE PROPHET Isaiah 11:1-10

SUNG RESPONSE "Joy to the World" #246

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader: 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 remember the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds, and a young couple cradling our newborn Messiah.

Reader: 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 here and forevermore.

SUNG RESPONSE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" v. 1,3,6 #234

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-5

SUNG RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v. 1,3,4 #230

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:6-7

SPECIAL MUSIC 4 PM "Away in a Manger"
Bre Amerine & Erica Asendorf
SPECIAL MUSIC 7 PM "Christmas Fantasia" Memorial Bells

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-14
SUNG RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard On High" v. 1,4 #238
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" v. 1,3 #240

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:15-20
SUNG RESPONSE 4 PM "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
v.1,4,6 #236

SPECIAL MUSIC 7 PM "The Midnight Clear" Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE VIDEO "The True Heart of Christmas"

MEDITATION "Christmas is Coming, The Goose is Getting Fat..."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING AND RECEIVING COMMUNION

As you come forward, you have the opportunity to place your Christmas offering in the manger. After receiving Communion, please take a candle. Finally, as you return to your seat please maintain an attitude of worship while everyone is being served.

UNISON PRAYER and PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Silent Night" (v. 1, 2 & 4) #239

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

POSTLUDE

(Please deposit your candle in the box as you leave the sanctuary)

**Stand as you are able.*

May God Bless &
Keep You...

This *Christmas*
Season!

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