



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us."

~ Max Lucado

PRELUDE *Away In The Manger* arr. David W. Moore
 Trumpet – Steve Reints Clavinova – Jerry Bursch

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Tonight, we walk in this holy Light.

Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

Hear the angels proclaim good news of great joy for all people.

We lift our voices with the heavenly host: Glory to God in the highest!

Come, let us worship the One whose name is Love.

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*CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1, 2, and 5) UMH 234

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Song # 31054

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;

Refrain:

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

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

(Refrain)

PRAYER

Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we ourselves need to be ready. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Randy & Rollie Behrens

Reader: Tonight, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah:

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. For a child has been

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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 9:2-3a, 6-7).

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: 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.

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Light the Christ Candle

CAROL	Light the Advent Candle (verse 5)	TFWS 2090
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	Song # 216714	

Light the Christmas candles now:
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King
Let the alleluias ring

Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Arr. Adolphe Adam
	Vocal - Janet Wysong	Clavinova - Jerry Bursch

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LESSON *The Birth of Jesus Foretold* Luke 1:26-38

SPECIAL MUSIC *Somebody Build A Manger* Arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director

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LESSON *The Birth of Jesus* Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Is Born* Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir – Jerry Bursch, Director

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LESSON *The Angels Announce the Birth of Christ* Luke 2:8-14

*CAROL *Joy to the World* (v 1-2, 4) UMH 246

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Song # 5663860

1. 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.

2. 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.

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

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and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

LESSON *The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem* Luke 2:15-16

SPECIAL MUSIC *The First Nowell* Arr. Doug Andrews
Trumpets – Cliff Lyons & Steve Reints Clavinova – Jerry Bursch
Trombones – Ernest Lopez & Brian Linares

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LESSON *Sharing the Good News* Luke 2:17-20

*CAROL *Go Tell it on the Mountain* (v 2-3) UMH 251
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Song # 3063235

2 The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Matt

*CAROL *Sing We Now Of Christmas* (v 1-3) UMH 237

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1 Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2 Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." **(Refrain)**

3 In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child. **(Refrain)**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERTORY Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella arr. Joel Raney
Piano Duet – Rhonda Budlong-Reints and Jerry Bursch

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**Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *(UM Hymnal 94)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, as we offer our gifts today, we remember the birth of your Son,
Jesus, and the joy that filled the world when he came to dwell among
us. Just as the angels proclaimed his birth with glad tidings of great joy,
we offer our gifts with thankful hearts. May these offerings reflect our
joy in Christ, our Savior, and our desire to share his love with others.
We pray that these resources will be used to bring hope and peace, just
as Christ brought hope to the world. In his precious name, we pray.**

Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

This Christmas Morning
by Robin Cain and Phil Kadidlo
Vocal - Sandy Griffiths Clavinova -Jerry Bursch

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*LIGHTING OUR CANDLES

Please tilt your unlit candle to the lit candle and then pass the light of Christ to the person beside you.

*CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night (v1.3-4)

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1. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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!

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***BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Matt

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