

Monticello

United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

December 25, 2022

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

Jesus' birth shows us that the cost, the impact of connecting relationally resonates forever. Share space, share experience and share your heart. It'll likely be some of the best spending you ever do. —Homiletics

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 52:8-9

Prelude

Adeste Fidelis

*Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and mountains quake.

Everything came into being through the Word.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

The Word became flesh and blood, and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

Let heaven and earth break forth into joyous song.

The light shines in the darkness.

Christ, our light, shines forth in glory.

Let us worship. Alleluia!

*Hymn

Joy to the World

No. 246

In the Bleak Midwinter

No. 221

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 240

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

God of life and light, as you came on that Christmas morning so many years ago, come to us today. Gather us into your light and love and fill us with the brightness of your glory. Shine the light of your love into the recesses of our lives, that we may walk in darkness no longer. Amen.

Scripture

John 1:1-14

Anthem

A Communion of Carols

Choir

Kid's Time

Message

Hymn

What Child Is This

No. 219

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

Birthday of a King

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

O God, as we gather in gratitude for the gift of your Son, receive our thanks and humble appreciation for all that we receive, which makes us what we are. Bless these gifts and offerings, that they may bring light and life to God's people. Amen.

Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 251

Announcements

Benediction

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

We will sing praises to our God.

Walk in the light of Christ.

We will share the joy of God's holy love.

Be messengers of hope and peace.

We will proclaim the good news. Christ is born Alleluia!

Postlude

Joy to the World

Staff and Worship Assistants:

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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live

10:45a in person

Today's altar flowers are in memory of Chuck Morris on his birthday, December 24, and in honor of Chuck and Martha's Anniversary on December 27th, given by the Munster and Mueller families.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am.* We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

*On 5th Sundays we have one combined worship service at 10 am, with Sunday School at 9 am.

Calendar

Today

10 am Worship, in-person, online and
radio

Monday, December 26

Office is closed

Sunday, January 1

10 am Worship, in-person, online and
radio—No Sunday School

Looking Ahead:

January 2 Office is closed
January 16 Finance Committee mtg
January 17 Church Council mtg
January 25 Trustees mtg