



*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 26, 2021

8:30 am

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### Preparation for Worship

This holy season is the promise that God's joy is deeper than our sadness, that ultimately life is more powerful than death, and that the light shines even in the darkness. --Brett Younger

Focus Scripture

Psalm 148

Prelude

*Gloria*

Traditional

### \*Call to Worship

God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.

**Sing for joy with the angels.**

We are God's chosen people, loved and cherished.

**Sing for joy with the angels.**

The birth of Love has changed us forever.

**Sing for joy with the angels.**

Let us sing, praise, rejoice, and worship together!

\*Hymn

*Once in Royal David's City*

No. 250

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

No. 240

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**Almighty God, even as we celebrate the Love that was born at Christmas, we know that your love continues to grow far beyond Christmas Day. Even as parents watch tenderly and proudly as their children grow into adulthood, you hold us in your compassionate embrace throughout our lives. Guide us into mature faith, O God, that**

**we might be like Jesus in our love, in our humility and wisdom, and in every word and deed. Amen.**

Anthem *Seeking the King*

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Kid's Time

Message

\*Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* No. 249

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory *The Coventry Carol* Southbridge

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**God of miracles, today we delight in our chance to join the Christmas party of gratitude. Thank you for naming us your beloved children. We offer you our hearts, our deeds, and our entire lives in thanksgiving for the gift of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 251

Announcements

Benediction

Go in Christ's peace to serve God and your neighbor. **Amen.**

Postlude *Postlude on "Antioch"* Handel

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown  
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Organist: Mary Ellen Dean  
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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

If you are visiting we welcome and invite you to Fellowship coffee and conversation at Café 2020. Ask about any of the events named in this bulletin. You will be welcomed!

Individual wireless receivers and children's activity bags are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents of babies.

**Chancel 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.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Please feel free to bring Advent calendar items in at any time. We have empty shelves of toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap and fruit. Thank you for your continued support during this very busy time of year.

Bible study is scheduled to begin a new study on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at the MUMC. It is a 6 session study with a weekly video and a study book. If you want Wendy to order you a book please let her know no later than WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Calendar

**Today**

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio  
9:45 am All Sunday School classes!  
10:45 am Worship, in-person

**Monday, December 27**

Office is Closed for Christmas

**Tuesday, December 28**

7 pm Prayer via Zoom

**Sunday, January 2**

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and  
radio

9:45 am All Sunday School classes!

10:45 am Worship, in-person