



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.*

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(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

## PRELUDES

Henry Repp

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” (Chapman)

“Prelude on ‘O, Little Town of Bethlehem’” (Christiansen)

“Grand Fantasia on ‘Joy to the World’” (Chevan)

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Gaelic Rose” (Hayes)

Chancel Choir

## GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Anne and Scott Demeritt

Sung following the lighting;  
the choir will sing it through  
then the congregation will  
repeat it.

**Christ came down from God on high  
As the star shone in the sky;  
Christ came down on Christmas morn  
In the form of a baby born.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

We gather to worship God, who became human in Jesus.

**Thank you, God, for this amazing gift.**

The Christ Child came into the world to give us forgiveness,  
salvation, wholeness.

**Thank you, God, for this amazing gift.**

The Christmas story invites us to share what we’ve been given.

**Thank you, God, for your gifts of peace, hope, joy, and love.**

**Fill us with these gifts. Let us shine!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

UMH 237

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Meredith

**O Lord, our Advent journey has inspired us and transformed us. You have shown us how you create amazing things from the ordinary. Stir up within us your peace, hope, joy, and love so the world can be changed into something we can’t even imagine. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Star” (Choplin)

Chancel Choir

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“There’s Still My Joy”

Kathleen Meredith

~TO HONOR THE MEMORIES OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST~

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 2:1-20**

Kathleen Meredith

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathleen Meredith, Shirley Spooner

“What Child Is This?/Child of the Poor”

SERMON

“The Impossible Made Possible”

Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY

“Messiah”

Praise Band

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathleen Meredith

**Thank you, God, for the precious gift of Jesus the Christ.**

**Thank you for showing us all things are possible with you. With that knowledge, we thank you for the fruit that will come of the offerings we give to you now. We know that you will bless them, multiply them, and guide us in our using wisely all that we have. Thank you for your constant and unfailing love. In Jesus’ precious name. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Silent Holy Night” (Fettker)

Chancel Choir

THE SHARING OF CHRIST’S LIGHT

**While the carols are sung, we share Christ’s Light. Let us receive His light with joy and share it with everyone.**

\* **Take your light from the person next to you.**

\* **Always tip the unlit candle into the lit candle.**

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (UMH 218)**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

**O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH 230)**

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.

**The First Noel (UMH 245)**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

\*CLOSING CAROL      “Silent Night, Holy Night”  
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!

UMH 239

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Song 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.

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!

(Hum one more time through with candles raised)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

“Carillon” (Mulet)

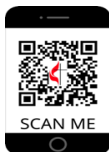
Henry Repp

***May the peace, hope, joy, and love of the Christ  
Child be with you and your families this blessed  
Christmas season.***

Many thanks to:

Our Chancel Choir and Director/Organist, Henry Repp  
Our Praise Band led by Christie Spriggs  
Our Readers for the Lighting of the Christ Candle,  
Anne and Scott Demeritt

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