

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

5 p.m. *Family Candlelight Service* December 24, 2020

\* indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.

**Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.**

INTROIT *"Advent Prayer"* Dale Peterson / arr. Lloyd Larson  
*CUMC Adult Choir*

As the Star shone brightly on that Christmas night,  
as the angels sang to all the earth; may the light of these Advent candles  
set our hearts aglow as we prepare for Jesus' birth.

Hope for those in despair, peace for those in conflict,  
joy for those who have no joy, and God's great love for all the world

### GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO *"This Is My Wish"* Insert  
*Tyler Stankiewicz – Vocal Soloist*

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Sing a new song to God, as we join with the songs of old.

**All: Glory to God on the highest.**

One: Sing with the heavenly angels, who rejoice with us on this holy night.

**All: Glory to God on the highest.**

One: Sing a new song to God, as we join with the songs of old.  
And together let us pray.

**All: God of grace and God of glory, shine upon us as we reflect upon the shining light of your love. Shine in our lives, that we may shine with your love. Shine in our world, that your light may overcome all darkness and fear. Shine through our worship, that our souls may be strengthened with the power of your light and love. Through your songs and stories, remind us of your Incarnate Love, born as a baby named Jesus. In the light of your glory and grace, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

One: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world. Hear us O God, as we light the candle of your nativity! With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

### THE CHILD THAT CHANGES THE WORLD!

*Light the Christ candle. Let us see the One who was born to change the world!*

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-6

Reflect: When in your community do you see signs that Christ is changing the world?  
Where would you like to see more signs of change?

Engage: What will you do today to share God with others?

**All: Gracious God, we see you everywhere with expectant eyes that invite us to see all people that you are calling us to love today. We praise you, O God, for the King of Kings! Amen.**

SOLO *"O Holy Night!"* Insert  
*Debbie Holland – Vocal Soloist*

### CHRIST'S COMING FORETOLD

FIRST LESSON Luke 1:26-38

HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard On High" Verses 1,2 & 3* UMH #238

### THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:1-7

CAROL *"Away in a Manger"* Insert  
*Duet – Kim and Tim Gill*

### THE SAVIOR REVEALED

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8-20

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Look Who Just Checked In"* Insert  
*CUMC Children/Adult*

### THE SAVIOR REVEALED

FOURTH LESSON John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18, 8:12, 31-32

CAROL *"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Verses 1,2,3* UMH 234

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *"Praise and Glorify"* Rev. Jane Kim

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Prepare our hearts anew, O God, to receive the Prince of Peace, not just this night, but every night and every day of our lives. Thank you for giving us love, joy, and your peace. Purify our thoughts, words, and deeds, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of your Jesus. Grant that we may be just and merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of your great love for all the world. Fill us with your spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

As the angels brought songs, may we bring our gifts and praise. As the shepherds

brought reports of their visions, may we bring testimonies of God’s vision in our lives. As the sages brought gifts, may we bring our gifts to share at the manger of Christ.

WEEKLY OFFERING

\*HYMN “We Three Kings” UMH #254

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy God of Bethlehem, bless these gifts, that they may be the grace of God for a community in need; that they may be the light of Christ for people who dwell in darkness; and that they may be the Spirit of peace for a world at war with itself. Bring your peace into our darkness, and flow through our lands with your glorious love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN “The First Noel” UMH #245

“Silent Night, Holy Night” Verses 1-3 UMH #239

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.
2. 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!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light; radiant beams from the 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!

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (During the playing of “Silent Night”)

*(The pastor will take the light from the Christ candle. All will light the candles)*

*Pastor says: “The Light of Christ be with you.”*

*All say: “And also with you.”*

*(You may extinguish your candle after the benediction)*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May you be light glorifying God.

All: We reenter our lives rejoicing in God’s grace.

One: May you be God’s love.

All: We go to bring Christmas hope to the world.

One: Go to tell the World all you have heard and seen.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE “Silent Night, Holy Night”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God’s love and peace with one another.

**PLEASE JOIN CUMC ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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