

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

5 P.M. *Family Candle Light Service* December 24, 2022

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

PRELUDE *"Sheep May Safely Graze"* J.S. Bach

INTROIT *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* UMH #211

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* UMH #196

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Sing, choirs of angels.

All: Sing in exaltation.

One: Let the shepherds in the fields rejoice.

All: Let the stars in the sky worship the newborn king.

One: For heaven has come down to earth.

All: Salvation has come to our homes this day.

One: Sing, choirs of angels.

All: Sing in exaltation.

One: And together let us pray.

All: God of love, choirs of angels sang to your glory on the night of Jesus's birth. Open our mouths to sing your praise, that we might join the heavenly chorus. As the shepherds left their sheep in the fields may we leave our cares behind, that we too may find the hope of our salvation in the Christ child. On this most holy night, may our worship befit the Prince of Peace, who came to show us the depths of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDIATION

1st speaker: "A child has been 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" (Isaiah 9:6)

2nd speaker: O Come, Emmanuel. Today the baby is born for us. His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, Jesus-Savior! Joy to the world! Our hearts are filled with hope, peace, joy, and love!

Light the Christ Candle and all candles of the wreath.

Scripture Lessons

Christ Coming Foretold

Luke 1:26-38

*Hymn *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* UMH #238

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-7

INSTRUMENTAL DUET *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* arr. Joel Raney
Jeong-Hwa Park – Pianist and Chrissy Fong – Flutist

The Savior Revealed

Luke 2:8-20

The Savior Born

John 1:1-16

VOCAL TRIO *"The Wondrous Story"* Insert
Kim Gill, Tim Gill & Debbie Holland

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *"Let There be Peace on Earth"* Rev. Jane Kim

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

Kings brought gifts. Angels sang praises. Shepherds told tales. Every gift we have to offer the Christ child is a precious gift, blessed by God. Bring your gifts. Bring your hearts. Bring your lives, in gratitude and celebration of the Christ child whose birth we celebrate this night.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"On This Winter Night"* Insert
CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY *"Angels We Have Heard on High" Refrain Only* UMH #238

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of surprise and wonder, you came in a way no one expected. When we looked for you in power and might, you came in weakness and vulnerability. As we worship you anew this night, open our hearts to those you came to save – especially the least and the lost. May the gifts we offer into your service continue the work you began in a manger so many years ago, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn *"The First Noel" Verses 1, 3, 4* UMH #245

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: "The Light of Christ be with you."

All: "And also with you."

(You may extinguish your candle after the benediction)

"Silent Night, Holy Night" 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!**

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go to the manager of love. For God's love has brought us salvation.

All: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"Silent Night, Holy Night" Franz Gruber*

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

THANKS TO Frank Waletitsch – Liturgist for our Christmas Eve Service.

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