

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

## SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

5 p.m.

December 24, 2023

*Narrator: Stacey Longenberger*

**PRELUDE:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Lewis H. Redner/arr. Joel Raney

**INTROIT:** *Angel Carol*

CUMC Adult Choir

Traditional Polish Carol/arr. Anna Laura Page

**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

Rev. Sue H. Yun

**FIRST LESSON-** **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** *The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.*

**CAROL** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
(Verse 1)

UMH #211

**SECOND LESSON-** **Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9** *The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.*

**CAROL** *O Holy Night*  
by Adolphe Adam  
Vocal Solo, Tyler Stankiewicz

**THIRD LESSON-** **Luke 1:26-35, 38** *The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.*

**CAROL** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
arr. Joel Raney

Instrumental Duet

**FOURTH LESSON-** **Luke 2:1-7** *Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.*

**CAROL** *The First Noel*  
(Verses 1-3)

UMH #245

### INVITATION FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

*Let us bring gifts to the baby Jesus for his birth.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Sing We All Noel*

by David Angerman & Michael Barrett

CUMC Adult Choir

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. May we exult in your goodness with the exhilaration of children opening presents. As we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**FIFTH LESSON-** **Luke 2:8-16** *The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.*

**CAROL** *Away in A Manger*  
(Verses 1-2)

UMH #217

**SIXTH LESSON-** **Matthew 2:1-11** *The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*

**CAROL** *We Three Kings*  
(Verses 1-4)

UMH #254

**SEVENTH LESSON-** **John 1:1-14** *John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATION'S CANDLES

**CAROL** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

ONE: We are filled with joy

**ALL: for we have heard good news of great joy.**

ONE: We are filled with love

**ALL: for we have tasted the sign of God's great love.**

ONE: We are filled with hope

**ALL: for the angels still sing in our world and there is a Light for us to follow.**

ONE: In darkness we arrived.

**ALL: In light we now leave.**

ONE: May the light of Christ lead you forevermore.

**Postlude:**

***Silent Night, Holy Night***

Franz Gruber

Musicians: Chrissy Fong, Flute

Mark Esposito, Saxophone

Frank Waletitsch, Percussion

Jeong-Hwa Park, Pianist

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