

**JACKSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Rev. Phyllis Coates – Pastor**  
**Sis. Almeta J. Martin – Worship Leader**  
**DEC. 24, 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:30 AM**

**GATHERING**

**THE LIGHT APPEARS**

**Acolytes**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Welcome. Bienvenidos. Here is good news for us all: To us is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. His name is Jesus, which means, “Liberator, Rescuer, Delivered.” His life changed the world. His living presence changes us today. Lift up your hearts. Rejoice! Give thanks to God!

**\*HYMN** “Joy To The World” (v.1,2) **UMH246**

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 2:1-7**

**\*HYMN** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v.1,2) **UMH 230**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 2:8-13**

**HYMN** “Jesus The Light of The World” **AAHB 240**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 2:15-20**

**HYMN** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear’ (v. 1) **UMH 218**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:** When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever present God to forgive.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**All: renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts and in this world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** “Away In A Manger” **UMH217**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*Offertory Response: All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 2:7**

**HYMN** “What Child Is This” (v.1,2) **UMH219**

**THE SPOKEN WORD** “Message In A Manger” **Pastor Coates**

**HYMN** “Silent Night, Holy Night” **UMH 239**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Glory, Glory, To The New Born King”

