

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As the lights are dimmed, Pastor will light the ushers' candles, then they will light the candles of those nearest the aisle in each row. Each person will share the light with the next person until all candles have been lit. Please tilt your candle toward the lit candle and hold your lit candle straight up so others may tilt theirs to be lit from yours. After receiving the benediction and singing "Joy To The World" please extinguish your candle and place it in one of the baskets in the welcoming area as you exit.

✠ CANDLELIGHT CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night"

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 thy 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!

✠ CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION "Joy To The World"

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories
of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
and wonders, wonders of His love.

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Merry Christmas! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at FUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are a unique and vibrant community of faith with a rich history in Madisonville. We exist as a congregation to worship God, serve the world in mission, and grow in how we follow Christ through fellowship, prayer, and study.

We worship each Sunday in our Sanctuary at 10:30 am and you are invited! Our worship services here at 1st UMC are warm and informal, but also liturgically rich. We invite you to come as you are! Our pastor's weekly messages are deeply rooted in scripture but also allow plenty of room for reason, tradition, and experience.

Our worship tonight will certainly offer a brief snapshot of our life together, and we hope you will become part of it!

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### Children's Corner

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset, we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. We have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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# First United Methodist Church of Madisonville



## The Celebration of the Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 2025  
7:00 pm

# Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

December 24, 2025 7:00pm

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this evening.  
We extend a warm welcome to you and we hope that you  
enjoy our Christmas Eve Service.*

✠ Please stand as you are able



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.  
P: **To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**  
L: And in him the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
P: **And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**  
L: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.  
P: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #234  
(vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6)

## CHRISTMAS COLLECT

**O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, share that gift of hope with those who long for peace, that we might reflect the perfect community of heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 1-7

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM “All Is Well” Chancel Choir

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 8-20

## HOMILY (with CHILDREN’S MOMENT)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.  
P: **And also with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts.  
P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing...so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.  
Amen.*

## SHARING OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## COMMUNION CAROLS

*(Please join us in singing these carols as we receive the bread and cup)*

“Angels From The Realms of Glory” #220

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation’s story  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth: *refrain*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: *refrain*

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *refrain*

4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: *refrain*

### Refrain

Come and worship,  
come and worship, worship Christ,  
the newborn king.

“Away In A Manger” #217

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

“What Child Is This” #219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest  
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping. *refrain*

2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading. *refrain*

3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him. *refrain*

### Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds watch and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.