

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal
(NRSV) New Revised Standard Version

CHIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING
L: Tonight, we celebrate the birth of the Son of Man and the Son of God. May our hearts and minds be open to the wonder that this night brings.

PRELUDE
Ding Dong! Merrily on High (R. Lau)

WELCOME

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
L: Hear the good news:
P: A child has been born for us!
L: Hear the good news:
P: He brings God's love to the world. AMEN!

*OPENING HYMN
O Come, All Ye Faithful - UMH # 234 (1, 3 & 6)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Jesus Loves the Little Children (On Screen)

ANTHEM
Shepherd's Joy (Parker and Hayes) - Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

OFFERING (Offertory Sentence)
L: May the birth of the Christ child bring the hope, peace, joy, and love each of us desires above all else.

OFFERTORY
What Child Is This (R. Lau)

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON - **Luke 2:1-5** (NRSV)
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

FIRST CAROL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - UMH # 211 (1, 2, & 6)

SECOND LESSON - **Luke 2:6-7** (NRSV)
While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid

him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SECOND CAROL
Away in a Manger - UMH # 217 (1-3)

THIRD LESSON - **Luke 2:8-14** (NRSV)
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

THIRD CAROL
Angels We Have Heard on High - UMH # 238 (1-3)

FOURTH LESSON - **Luke 2:15-16** (NRSV)
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

FOURTH CAROL
O Little Town of Bethlehem - UMH # 230 (1, 2, & 4)

FIFTH LESSON - **Luke 2:17-20** (NRSV)

When they saw this, they made known what had been told to them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

FIFTH CAROL

Maria Wiegenlied - Mary's Lullaby (M.Reger)

Robyn Frey-Monell, soprano

SERMON

Joy to the World - Rev. Scott Andrews

SHARING THE LIGHT

Silent Night, Holy Night - UMH # 239 (1-4)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joy to the World - UMH # 246 (1 & 4)

ASSISTING WITH TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Liturgists: Ron Koelling, Sela Taupaki, Ford Monell,

Millie Mendez-Andrews

Music Director: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Student Intern: Sela Taupaki

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews



Christmas Eve - December 24

JOY TO THE WORLD

Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

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