

## Service Participants

Coordinator  
Lori Luppold

Organist  
Lauren Cross

Greeters  
Richard & Andrea Rhodes – upstairs  
Joel Libbos – downstairs  
Robin Libbos – ramp entrance

Readers  
Louise Hritz  
Sheila Lowanase  
Robin Libbos

Acolyte  
Jameson McGrew

Lighting the Christ Candle  
Mike and Meredith Morrison

Presentation of the Red Rose  
Gemma Morrison

Special Music  
Gary & Jodi Ozegovich  
Lauren Cross  
Bell Choir

Candle Lighters  
Gary Ozegovich  
Andrea & Rich Rhodes  
Sheila Lowanase  
Joshua Yanan  
Ben Yanan  
Ethan Yuvan  
Frank Yuvan

Lights  
Lori Luppold

Ushers  
Josh Yanan  
Nick Yanan  
Ethan Yuvan  
Frank Yuvan

Luminaries  
Nick Yanan  
Josh Yanan  
Ben Yanan

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky  
is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the  
shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas  
begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace  
among others, To make music in the heart.

# CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH *Christ*





**West Newton Methodist Church  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
5 pm, Dec. 24, 2025**

Organ Prelude Lauren Cross

Welcome Pastor Jesse Verner

\*Opening Hymn #234  
*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (all 6 verses)

\*Call to Worship Louise Hritz  
L: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!  
**P: This is the night of the Holy Birth!**  
L: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!  
**P: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.**  
L: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!  
**P: Christ our Savior is Born! Amen!**

\*Hymn #238  
*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (all verses)

Ministry in Music Lauren Cross

Christ Candle Lighting Michael & Meredith Morrison  
Presentation of the Red Rose Gemma Morrison

Bell Choir Anthem Jodi Ozegovich, Director  
*"Journey of the Kings"*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Sheila Lowanse

Christmas Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication *In unison*

**God of wonder, as we offer these gifts in the glow of this holy night, we celebrate the light of Christ born into our darkness. May these offerings become instruments of your love, bringing hope and peace to a world in need. Bless them and use them for your glory, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Ministry in Music Gary and Jodi Ozegovich  
*"Were You There on that Christmas Night?"*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 Robin Libbos

Christmas Meditation Pastor Jesse Verner

\*Closing Hymn *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* #239  
(all verses, and then repeat the first verse a cappella)

\*Christmas Benediction Pastor Jesse Verner

Postlude Lauren Cross, Organist

**\*Asterisk indicates congregation standing**

***Please don't put the candles out; candle lighters will extinguish the candles.***

We wish you the merriest of Christmases and pray for abundant blessings in the upcoming New Year. May the birth of Christ remain in your hearts this night and always.

Candles are given by the Luppold, Libbos, and King families in memory of their loved ones.