

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our Sunday service is live-streamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary.

Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.



Prelude

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*Christmas Eve
Service*

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Livestream Notice: Our worship service is live-streamed and recorded. By attending, you consent to being included in the broadcast. Thank you for joining us!



WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Tonight, heaven breaks into earth
with good news.

People: **Glory to God in the highest!**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Tonight, light shines in the darkness.

People: **Joy fills the air, and peace is proclaimed.**

CALL to WORSHIP

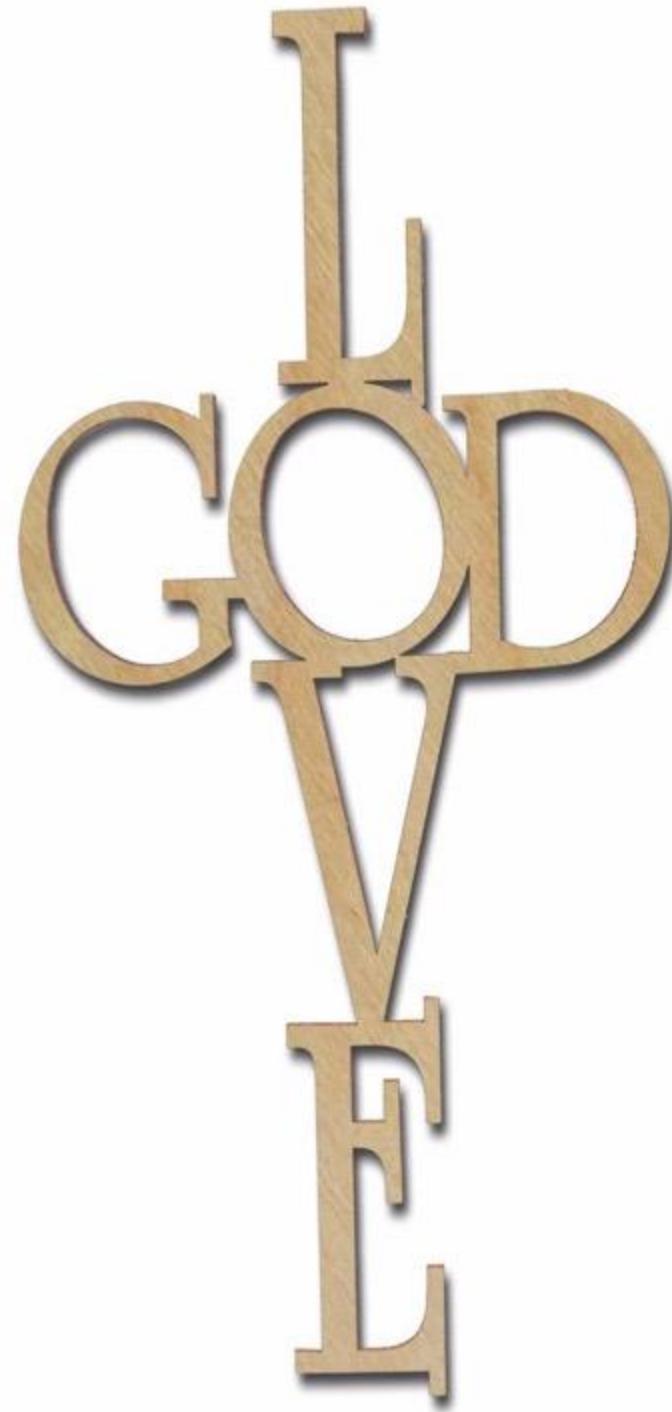
Leader: Tonight, we light the candles of Christ where there is room for all, for hope, for peace, for love and for joy. Let us keep the light alive in us and in the world.

CALL to WORSHIP

All: **Come, Emmanuel, God with us!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, on this night we
gather with wonder and
gratitude. You come to us
not in power or splendor,
but in humility and love.
In the ordinary places of
our lives,**



OPENING PRAYER

**you make room for your
extraordinary presence.
Shine your light in us and
through us. Fill us with
peace, surround us with
joy, and send us out with
your love to share the
good news:**



OPENING PRAYER

**Christ is born! It is in the
name of the One who is
the Light of the World
that we pray. Amen.**



“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238

WORDS and MUSIC: traditional French carol; arranged by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238

WORDS and MUSIC: traditional French carol; arranged by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Young Disciples' Message

A close-up photograph of a young child with voluminous, curly, light-colored hair. The child is looking directly at the camera with a gentle expression. They are wearing a dark, ribbed, long-sleeved shirt. In their hands, they hold a small, white, cylindrical candle that is lit, with a small flame visible at the top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow, and the overall lighting is warm and ethereal, suggesting a divine or spiritual atmosphere. A yellow rectangular banner is positioned at the top of the image, partially overlapping the child's hair.

Prayer For Illumination

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**





Luke 2: 1 -20

NRSVUE

- 1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria

3 All went to their own towns to be registered.

4 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.

5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

7 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 in the guest room.

8 Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 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:

11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!”

15 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.”

16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child,

18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them,

19 and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

**The Word of God for
the people of God**

Thanks be to God



Sermon

“Making Room”



“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast our our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

I believe in God

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

The Apostle's Creed

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And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

A photograph of a person kneeling in prayer in a church. The person is silhouetted against the bright light coming through large stained glass windows. The windows feature various religious symbols and figures. The church interior is dark, with the light creating a dramatic effect. The person is positioned in the foreground, with the altar and pulpit visible in the background.

Prayers of the People

Lord,
hear our prayers
as we lift up to
you, our joys
and concerns.



Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done
on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen

Tithes and Offerings

Worship through giving

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

“Silent Night” UMH #239

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

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.

“Silent Night” UMH #239

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories steam from
heaven afar,
heavenly hosts,
sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

“Silent Night” UMH #239

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

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.

“Silent Night” UMH #239

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

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!

A photograph of a church building with a tall, dark steeple and a cross at the top. The church is surrounded by tall evergreen trees. A path leads towards the church. The sky is overcast. The image is framed by a large, semi-transparent white rectangle.

Benediction

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with
Prayer, Action, and Love
through **Service**.