

# **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.**

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# Prelude

Pastor Eduardo  
Carrillo

*Christmas Eve  
Service*

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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WELCOME,  
ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
and  
CELEBRATIONS

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# 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

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

*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?

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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.

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# “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238

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*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!

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# Young Disciples' Message





# **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.**





A classical painting of the Nativity scene. The Virgin Mary, in a blue mantle over a red gown, kneels on the left, her hands clasped in prayer. The infant Jesus lies on a white cloth atop a wooden manger, surrounded by a bright, golden halo. Joseph, in a red mantle over a blue tunic, kneels on the right, also with his hands clasped. Both Mary and Joseph have golden halos. The scene is set within a rustic wooden stable with a stone wall in the background. The floor is covered in straw.

# Luke 2: 1 -20

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<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from  
Caesar Augustus that all the world  
should be registered.

<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was  
taken while Quirinius was governor of  
Syria

<sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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,

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

<sup>15</sup> 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

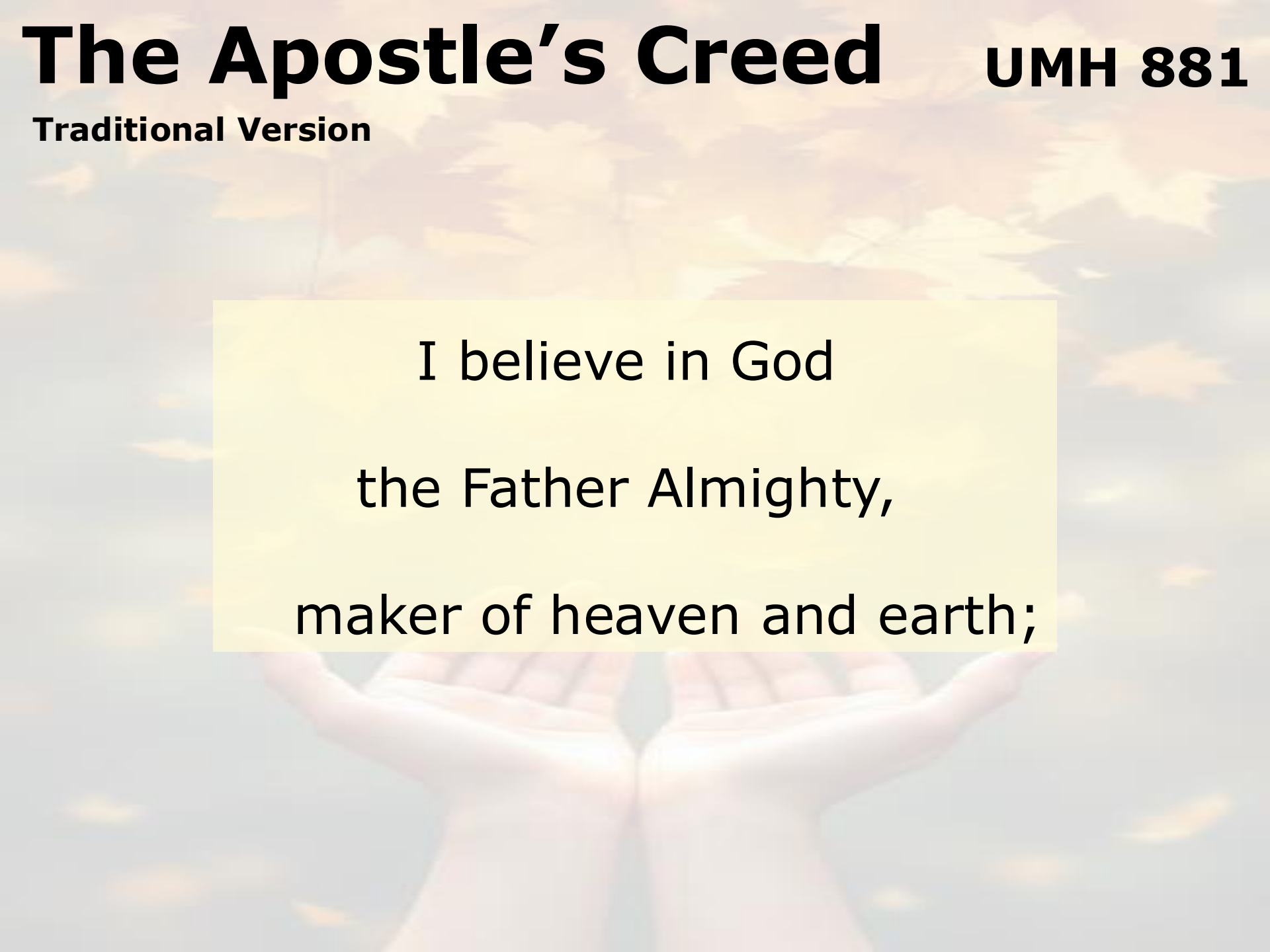
*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out 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

The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of two hands, palms up, holding a collection of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The hands are positioned at the bottom of the frame, with the leaves floating above them.

I believe in God  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

# The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

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

Traditional Version

UMH 881

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.



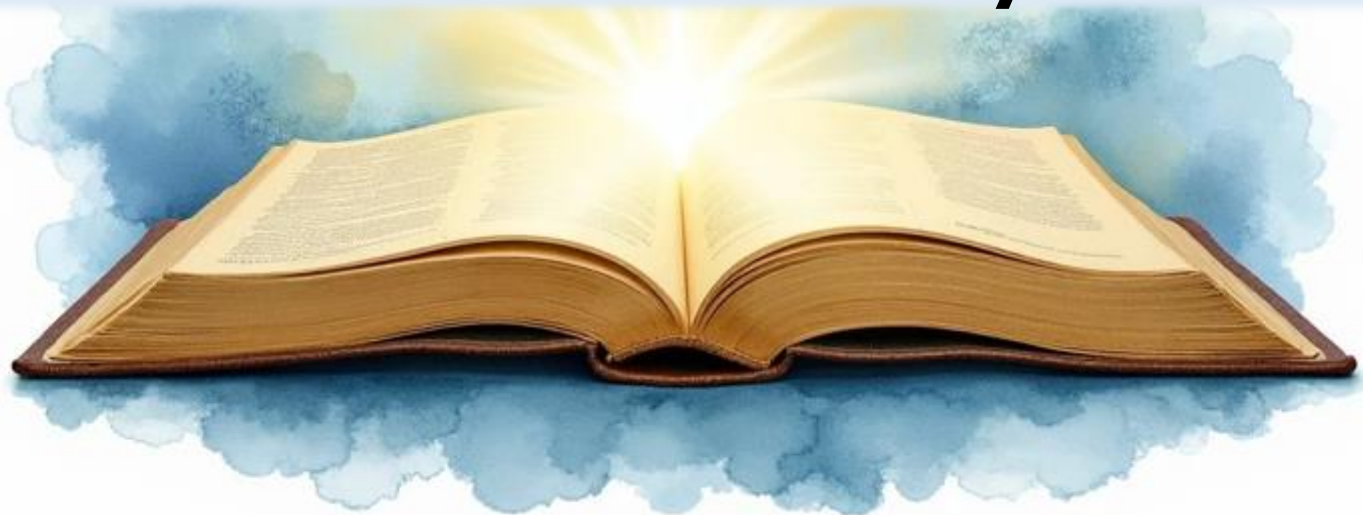


# Prayers of the People

**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

A gift box wrapped in patterned paper with a large red bow is centered in the image. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow lights, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere. A white rounded rectangle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the title and subtitle text.

# 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!

A gift box wrapped in patterned paper with a large red bow, tied with a red ribbon. The box is centered in the frame. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow and pinkish-red lights, creating a festive and warm atmosphere. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text.

# *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 small, dark-colored church with a white cross on its roof and a white door is nestled in a snowy forest. The church has two small windows on the left side of the door. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow, and the trees are also covered in snow. The sky is a pale blue. The word "Benediction" is written in a large, elegant, black script font across the center of the image, overlaid on a semi-transparent orange rectangular background.

# *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.**