

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
COLEMANVILLE UMC  
December 25, 2025 7:00 pm

*Pastor: Rev. Manuel P. Cruz, Jr.  
Combined Choirs Director: Oksana Reedy  
Pianists: Oksana Reedy & Jill Kelley  
Trumpeters: Jere Breneisen & Ellen Peifer  
Flutists: Carol Warfel & Sarah Rankin*

Order of Worship

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE** "The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon"  
Jere Breneisen & Ellen Peifer,  
Trumpets

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS** Pastor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Andy Collins  
Liturgist: Tonight, heaven breaks into earth with good news.  
**People: Glory to God in the highest!**  
Liturgist: Tonight, light shines in the darkness.  
**People: Joy fills the air, and peace is proclaimed.**  
Liturgist: Tonight, there is room for all, for the weary and the waiting, for the joyful and the seeking.  
**People: Come, Emmanuel, God with us!**

**\*OPENING CAROL** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vv. 1, 2, 3 & 4) # 234

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Howard Warfel (In unison)  
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, 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: Christ is born! It is in the name of the One who is the Light of the World that we pray. Amen.

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** Tessa Palomeno & Children  
Reader 1: Tonight, we light the Christ candle. For when there was no room, God made

the heart of the world.

**Reader 2: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

Reader 3: As we light this candle, we proclaim: Christ is born! (Light the Christ candle and all the other candles.)

**All: Alleluia! Glory to God in the highest!**

**RESPONSE CAROL** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vv. 1-2) UMH # 240

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 9:2-7 Paisley Rankin  
(The prophet announces the birth of a king to those in darkness)

**CAROL** "What Child Is This" # 219

**SECOND LESSON** Psalm 96:1-13 Jeff Ruth  
(The King is coming, and we give honor and glory to Him)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Walk in the Light" Worship Team

**THIRD LESSON** Titus 2:11-14 Denise Rankin  
(The Apostle Paul emphasizes the Second Coming of Christ; how we should then live)

**CAROL** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH # 238

**\*FOURTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-20 Dave  
Topper

**ANTHEM** "O Holy Night" Combined Choirs

**MEDITATION** "Making Room for Jesus Christ" Rev. Manuel P. Cruz, Jr.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Wexford Carol" Erin Salm

**GIVING MOMENT**

Tonight, we give because you gave first. In a manger, you offered us your Son, light in the darkness, hope for the world, love without end. Our gifts are a response of gratitude and a way to make room for others. They become part of the story of love that began in Bethlehem and continues through us today.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, bless these gifts of love. May they shine with Christ's light, bringing comfort and joy to all who are in need. Let them build sanctuaries of peace where there is fear, and kindle joy where hearts feel weary. It is in the name of the One who is the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

### \*CANDLELIGHTING MOMENT

"Silent Night"

UMH # 239

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Joy to the World" (vs. 1-2, 4)

UMH # 246

### POSTLUDE

Reedy

"Love Came Down"

Oksana

         \* Please stand as you are able

***HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS***

***& A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!***



THE LORD

*shall be unto thee*

AN EVERLASTING

*light.*