

A Service of Candlelight and Carols
December 24, 2025 **6:00 P.M.**

- The congregation joins in the words in **BOLD** print
- UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal
- TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal

WELCOME!

We are richly blessed by your presence with us.

Prelude “Christmas Lullaby” George Blake (1931)

Special Music “Come, Child of Peace” Ruth Schram (1995)
Richard & Helen Lyons – Michelle Lyons

Welcoming Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, you have come to us, not with great signs and wonders, but with a babe who became a humble carpenter. You took on human form, not with trappings of power and might, but among folk who fasted and prayed, and gave thanks in the midst of their poverty. You made your witness, not with devices of intimidation and coercion, but through an instrument of suffering and scorn. For your foolishness is wiser than human thought, and your weakness is stronger than all human powers. Grant that we may hear and respond to your wisdom. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

Carol “Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH No. 196

THE BEGINNING

Scripture God’s Promise to Abraham Genesis 22:15-18
Read by Mary Rinaldo

THE PROPHECY

Carol “O Come, All Ye Faithful” vv.1&3 UMH No. 234
Scripture The Prophet’s announcement Isaiah 9:2-7
Read Jack Harrington

BETHLEHEM

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Lyon’s Family
Response “Light the Advent Candle” TFWS 2090 v.5
Scripture The Angel Gabriel Luke 1:26-35
Read by Helen Moore

THE MANGER

Scripture The birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7
Read by Mary Verescak

THE ANGELS

Scripture The Angels appear Luke 2:8-14
Read by Judy Barkley
Carol “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH No. 240

THE SHEPHERDS

Scripture The Shepherds go to the manger Luke 2:15-20
Read by Barbara Fleming
Carol “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” UMH No. 218

THE WISE MEN

Scripture The Wise Men follow the star Matthew 2:1-11
Read by Jerry Orton

SERVICE OF THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Carol “Silent Night” UMH No. 239

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the light of your Son, Jesus Christ. On this Christmas night, we rejoice in Christ our Savior. Help us to keep that light alive in our hearts and to spread HIS joy to all we meet this Christmas season. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Carol

"Joy to the World"

UMH No. 246

Benediction



Today's Worship Leader: Marcia Wickert

Organist/Pianist: Victor Raab

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