

BENEDICTION

HYMN

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

UMH# 246

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Rejoice!

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.*

(Isaiah 9:6)



WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Rejoice, for God is with us - Emmanuel.

P: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

L: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

P: God is truly with us. We are not alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** "O Come all Ye Faithful" **UMH# 234**
(v 1-3)

***OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

The Prophecy of the Messiah

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Mead Family

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN "O Come O Come Emmanuel" **UMH# 211 (v1)**

The Coming of Jesus is Announced

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

HYMN "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child" See Insert/
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The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-5

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **UMH# 230 (v1)**

Jesus is Born

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:6-7

HYMN "Away in a Manger" **UMH# 217 (v1)**

ANTHEM **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14

HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" **UMH# 240 (v1)**

The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-18

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" **UMH# 238 (v1)**

We Offer Our Gifts to God

OFFERTORY "Christmas Offering"

OFFERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Glorious God, as the shepherds rejoiced at the angel's news, we too bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread your good news of great joy to all people. Amen

REFLECTION Pastor Chris

COMMUNION **UMH# 13-14**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sinned 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.

PRAYER Pastor Chris

PASSING OF THE LIGHT (Please tip the unlit candle to light)

***HYMN** "Silent Night" **UMH# 239**

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