

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION
Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
*Please stand if able

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| PRELUDE | Deanna Gibeau |
| WELCOME | Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon |
| CENTERING MOMENT | |
| OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon |
| ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING | Kaonou & Aleah Latham |

Reader: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world!
People: With the company of Heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.
Reader: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the Heavenly song of the angels, “Glory, peace on Earth and goodwill!” John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God’s glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ’s nativity, we now rejoice.
People: God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thank you for touching all Heaven and Earth with your splendor. Amen.

THE SIX LESSONS

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| FIRST LESSON: Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. | |
| Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 | Linda Smeaton |
| “O Come O Come Emmanuel” vs 1, 6 | UMH #211 |
| SECOND LESSON: Birth of the Prince of Peace. | |
| Isaiah 11:1-9 | Chloe Barnett |
| “All Earth Is Waiting” (vs 1, 4) | UMH #210 |
| THIRD LESSON: The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary. | |
| Luke 1:26-38 | Kaonou Latham |
| “Breath of Heaven” | Aleah Latham |

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| FOURTH LESSON: Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus. | |
| Matthew 1:18-23 | Dorthy Dahlen |
| Special Music (Violin & Cello) | Young & Prisca Choe |
| “The River in My Heart” | Lee Soo-In |
| “Ave Maria” | Gounod |
| FIFTH LESSON: The shepherds go to the Manger. | |
| Luke 2:8-16 | Aleah Latham |
| “Star-Child” | TFWS #2095 |
| (vs 1, 3, 5 Congregation; vs 2, 4 Pastor Hae-Jeong, Deanna) | |

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| CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon |
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| SIXTH LESSON: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. | |
| Matthew 2:1-11 | Ashley Barnett |
| “We Three Kings” vs 1, 5 | UMH #254 |

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| OFFERING: “Away in a Manger” | UMH #217 |
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| SONG: “Silent Night” (<i>lights dim</i>) | UMH #239 |
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| SONG: “Joy to the World” vs 1, 2 (<i>lights return</i>) | UMH #246 |
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| BENEDICTION | Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon |
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| POSTLUDE: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” | Deanna Gibeau |
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STEWARD LEADERSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM:
Advent Wreath Lighting: Kaonou Latham & Aleah Latham
Greeter North: Tom & Carol Bast
Greeter South: Leslie & Alana Dalton
Organist/Pianist: Deanna Gibeau
Six Lessons Readers: 1st: Linda Smeaton, 2nd: Chloe Barnett, 3rd: Kaonou Latham, 4th: Dorthy Dahlen, 5th: Aleah Latham, 6th: Ashley Barnett
Soloist: Aleah Latham
Tech Team: Tom Latham & Ethan Latham
Ushers: Leslie Dalton, Alana Dalton, Barb Johnson, Gil Sheridan
Violin & Cello Duet: Young & Prisca Choe
Welcoming Greeters Parking Lot Door: McGinnis Family
Welcoming Greeters Main Door Entrance: Dean & Carol Pok

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- Wednesday: Christmas Eve Services, 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Thursday: Christmas Day, Office Closed
AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Friday: Aimee on Vacation, Office Closed
- Saturday: SA Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall



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