

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE “Love Came Down at Christmas”—Jason Krug. Arr.
Handbell Duet: Kathy Singiser & Jane Boley

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As the songs fade and the decorations come down, we gather once more.

P: We come to remember the gift God has given us in Christ.

L: Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart.

P: We pause to reflect on what this holy season has revealed to us.

L: God's work does not end when the celebration quiets.

P: With grateful hearts, we worship and carry Christ into the days ahead.

HYMN	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	UMH 229
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	UMH 230
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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Sing We Now of Christmas” Kathy Singiser & Jane Boley

Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christmas Angel Medley arr. By Brad Weishaupt
Handbells: Kathy Singiser, Piano: Jane Boley

SCRIPTURE Page 725 Luke 2:19

MESSAGE “When the Decorations Come Down” **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” UMH 251

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE Jane Boley
(Please stand, if able)

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing assist devices are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

Large Print Bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

Children's Worship - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

Today's altar flowers are given by Shane and Tiffany Wivell and family.

Usher Captain – Steve Bear

Organist: Jane Boley

Worship Schedule

8:45 AM Traditional

9:30 AM Contemporary “Gathering”

11:00 AM Chapel

Adult Sunday School:

9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)

10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

Attendance - December 21, 2026

8:45 Traditional 206

Online: 81

9:30	Contemporary	44
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11:00 Traditional Chapel 41

7:00 Longest Night 20

Online: 41

The mortgage balance after December 15th payment is \$159,850.12



Otterbein United Methodist Church

December 28, 2025
Traditional Service

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"When the Decorations Come Down"

Luke 2:19



Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first time guest, a new resident seeking a church home or just visiting the area, we're glad you took the time to join us for worship. We are a United Methodist congregation seeking to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and serving our neighbors. We'd love to have you join us on our journey of faith.