



# Christmas Eve Service

CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION  
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 5PM & 11PM  
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# Gathering

Prelude

Pastorale (Franck)

Choral Introit

Carol of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Steve Boutell

O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234

All Sing

## Proclamation & Response

Lighting the Christ Candle

5:00—Sit & Stitch

11:00—Open Door class

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218

All Sing

Scripture Reading

Pastor Rebecca Gwynn-Dixon

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: A

Pastor Ryan Bennett

Longing for Lasting Peace

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Choir

## The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(sung) Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in  
excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*\*Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*



...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(sung) Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**(sung) See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

### **The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

**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 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**

**\*\*Holy Communion  
with Choral Anthem**

**O Holy Night**

## *Sending Forth*

**\*\*\*Sharing the Light of Christ**

**\*Silent Night UMH 239**

**All Sing**

**\*Benediction**

*Please extinguish your candles and place them in the metal cans in the Narthex (Lobby) as you depart. Merry Christmas!*

**Tonight's special offering will provide cafeteria food vouchers for Cumberland University students in need. Nearly 30% of college students in Tennessee report they have experienced food insecurity. Many of them are working hard to further their education and build a future; your generosity will help ease their hunger and stress so they can focus on their studies and thrive. You may give to this or regular offerings via the Giving boxes in the Lobby or the QR code on the back of this bulletin.**

# Worship Notes

## **\*\*HOLY COMMUNION**

We practice an open table at which Jesus is the host. This means all are invited. If you would like to receive communion, you are welcome at the table of our Lord. To participate, please join one of the lines down the middle aisle, or wait in your seat and a server will come to you. All single-serve cups are gluten-free.

## **\*\*\*CANDLE LIGHTING**

One of our leaders will come to each pew to share the light of Christ. Please tilt your unlit candle toward the flame of the lit one, which will be held straight up. Once your candle is lit, please avoid dripping wax by keeping it upright at all times; the person next to you will tilt their unlit candle toward yours. As we dismiss silently into the night, please extinguish your candles and place them in the metal cans in the Narthex (Lobby).

# Coming Soon

## **THIS SUNDAY, 12/28 AT 10AM – WORSHIP AND CAROLS**

All are welcome to wear your favorite Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise) for one casual blended service, plus coffee and snacks at 9AM. Hope you're here for all of it!

## **COMING IN 2026 – CHURCH FAMILY FEUD**

Save the date—2/2/26 at 5PM—for dinner, dessert, silent auction, and uproarious entertainment...all to support our youth! \$15/adult, \$10/child 4+ (Nursery will be free).

## **GIVING REMINDERS**

Financial Giving for 2025 is coming to a close. For your contributions to receive credit in 2025, they must be received in the church office by 12/30. ***You may give to tonight's special collection and/or regular offerings via the Giving boxes in the Lobby, or use this QR code.***

Thank you for your generosity!



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