

Thank you to this year's  
RUMC Christmas Eve Faces

**4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**

**Greeters:** Carley Ackland, Katelyn Ackland,  
and Gus & Armande Vasilopoulos

**Ushers:** The Daugherty Family

**Communion Servers:** The Nauman Family

**10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**

**Greeters:** Hayden Inman and Ami Watson

**Ushers:** Bill & Leah Vanstone and Jim &  
Betsy Smith

**Communion Servers:** Jo Miller, Nancy  
Adams, Joyce Manning, and Chris Watson



Rob Hamilton, Pastor  
Dave Rogula, Visitation Pastor  
Matt Hayes, Youth Director/Finance  
Dana Cox, Director of Connection Ministries  
Bobbi Wyss, Lay Leader  
Jeff Glen, Traditional Worship Leader  
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<b>Traditional Service</b>	9:00 a.m.
<b>Gathering Service</b>	11:00 a.m.

**Remember...**

Next week on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, we  
will return to our **two** regular service times  
@ 9 & 11 a.m.



Please leave the poinsettias in the sanctuary  
until after the 10 p.m. service. Thank you!

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Methodist Church**

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**RUMC Vision Statement**

We are a community of faith that seeks to **connect** people with Jesus Christ and each  
other, to **grow** in the habits of Jesus and to **serve** others in the Spirit of Jesus.

Connect + Grow + Serve

# Candlelight Christmas Eve



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## PRELUDE

“O HOLY NIGHT” AND “FOR CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS”

## WELCOME

### Hymn #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1, 2, 3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of True God, Light from Light Eternal,  
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## PRAYER FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN...followed by The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

## CAROLS OF RESPONSE

### Hymn #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 4)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### Hymn #217 Away in a Manger (v. 1, 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is night.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY: AS TOLD BY CHILDREN

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

PASTOR ROB HAMILTON

## OFFERING

“IN A MANGER HE IS LYING”

## OFFERING RESPONSE: Hymn #219 What Child is This? (Chorus only)

This, this, is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

## COMMUNION (THE GREAT THANKSGIVING) UMH pg. 13

*We celebrate an open table: Regardless of your background, if you’re seeking to love Jesus as best you can, you are welcome to come. Small children may participate at the discretion of their parents, or they may come forward for a blessing from Pastor Rob. Gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn-free elements are also available from the station attended by our Pastor.*

The Lord be with you.  
**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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... 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

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## RECEIVING THE LIGHT

*The sanctuary will be darkened during this time.*

## READING OF JOHN 1:1-5, 14

READ BY PAUL SWARTZ

## SHARING THE LIGHT

*Please keep candles upright, only tipping unlit candles. Glow sticks may be illuminated at the same time the light is passed in the pews .*

### Hymn #239 “Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing;  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

## THE LIGHT HAS COME!

### Hymn #246 “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders, of his love.

## PARTING BLESSING

PASTOR ROB HAMILTON

## POSTLUDE

“CAROLS OF JOY AND WONDER”