

A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

8:30 PM



We are so glad you are worshipping with us tonight!

- * Please take a moment to silence your phones.
- * We never mind the sounds of children in worship. However, if you feel like you need extra space for your child to move around, there are toys in the lobby as well as an unstaffed nursery with a glider to the left of the sanctuary as you exit. Changing tables can be found in the restrooms.
- * Glow sticks are available for people who do not want to use candles during the candlelight portion of the service.
- * While lighting the candles, please hold the lit candle vertically and allow your neighbor to light their candle off of yours. Please extinguish candles cautiously after the benediction.
- * For those gathering virtually, we invite you to find the following items if you wish: bread and juice (for communion), candle/glow stick (for Silent Night).

Officiating: Rev. Zachary Hopple

Liturgist: Deryk David

Organist: Katie Campbell

CUMC Brass:

Miki Chelton, Trumpet

John Nase, Trumpet

Belle Chelton, Euphonium

Eric Chelton, Trombone

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

WELCOME & GREETING

PRELUDE

“Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brass”

arr. J. Raney
CUMC Brass & Katie Campbell, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship God, who became human in Jesus.

People: Thank you, God, for this amazing gift.

Leader: The Christ child came into the world to give us forgiveness, salvation, and wholeness.

People: Thank you, God, for this amazing gift.

Leader: The Christmas story invites us to share what we’ve been given.

People: Thank you, God, for your gifts of peace, hope, joy, and love!

All: Fill us with these gifts. Let your light shine in us!

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

ADVENT READING & OPENING PRAYER

Marge Kramer

O Holy God, the one who is, who was and who is to come, thank you. Thank you for sending us Jesus, the one who is incarnate, the one who is with us in all things. Thank you for the peace that you give to us, the hope you instill in us, the joy that dwells in us, and the love that surpasses all things. Thank you for making the impossible possible and breathing new life into us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

FIRST READING: Luke 2:1-15

reader, Lois Stevenson

Reader: The light of hope has been foretold.

People: Thanks be to God, the light has come!

*HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 234 (v. 1, 3, 4)

SECOND READING: Luke 2:16-20

reader, Nadene Stauffer

Reader: The light has entered the world.

People: We receive the light with joy and wonder!

ANTHEM

“Wonderful! Counselor!”

P. Martin/M. Barrett
Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE+++

✠Possible: “The Impossible Made Possible”

Rev. Zachary Hopple

HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

No. 229

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE++

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 52:7-10, NLT

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Reader: The light has entered the world.

People: We receive the light with joy and wonder!

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Bells”

arr. L. McKechnie

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD+

(Tithes, offerings, and gifts can also be made electronically, or mailed to the church office. If you are joining us virtually, please take this opportunity to sign-in on our website.)

*DOXOLOGY - No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

*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.

HOLY COMMUNION

No. 15

COMMUNION HYMNS

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

No. 218

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230

“Away in a Manger”

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“What Child Is This”

No. 219

*CANDLE LIGHTING

*HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

No. 239

1. 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.

3. 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.

2. 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!

4. 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!

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”

No. 246 (v. 1, 4)

1. 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 nature sing.

4. 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 of his love.

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr. P. Long

CHRIST KIDS' ARTWORK CORNER

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story this year?
Can you draw a picture of your favorite part of the story?





Are you interested in joining CUMC or learning more about our church?

Starting January 25th, 2026, we will have a 3-week Getting to Know CUMC class following the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Zach to register. Lunch will be provided. There is no commitment to join our church if you take this class.

Special Thanks

Another year has come and gone, and I want to thank you. It is a pleasure to worship with you and serve you here at Christ UMC. I thank you all for the love and support that you share with me and my family. We are truly blessed to be a part of this amazing congregation. I pray you have a Merry Christmas and may God bless this new year.

I want to offer a special "thank you" to Pastor Tawny, our office and building staff, our music and tech staff, and our volunteers who help with communion or serve as greeters, ushers, singers, A/V techs, counters, those who fold the bulletins, and so many more. Without you, this service would not be possible.

Thank you! -Pastor Zach and family

Please join us for our Weekly Worship Services

8:30 AM: In-person service, communion weekly

9:45 AM: Free Sunday School for all ages

10:40 AM: In-person & livestreamed contemporary Praise & Worship

11:00 AM: In-person & livestreamed service, communion 1st Sunday

Watch the livestream on our website or our YouTube channel.

<https://www.cumclansdale.org/get-involved/worship>

YouTube: @ChristUMCLansdale



Members, Regular Attendees, and Visitors:

Please scan the QR code or fill out the attendance slip to record your attendance.



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++If you have a prayer request you can email it to the prayer chain (prayers@cumclansdale.org) or directly to the pastor.

+++To hear the sermon again or to listen to any sermons you may have missed, please visit our website and click "Sermon Audio", under the "Online Worship" tab.

Sign up for Weekly Emails: please visit our website and use the "Weekly Email Sign Up" link on our homepage.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 1. *A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -*
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O
 * 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Unison

1. In-fant ho - ly, in-fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing

stall; ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing, Christ the babe is Lord of
new saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel

all. Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings
true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the

Interlude, Ending

bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

WORDS: Polish carol; trans. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1925 (Lk. 2:6-20)

MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et seen of old,



from an - gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,
when with the ev - er - cir-ling years shall come the time fore - told



"Peace on the earth, good will to men,* from heaven's all-gracious King."
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hov-ering wing,
look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift-ly on the wing.
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
O rest be-side the wea-ry road, and hear the an-gels sing!
and the whole world send back the song which now the an-gels sing.



*"all" may be substituted

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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Alt. tune: FOREST GREEN

Away in a Manger

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1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

What Child Is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

GREENSLEEVES
 87.87 with Refrain

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;



round you vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,
nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold-er Kna-be mit lock - i - gem Haar,
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra-diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!



WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young;
 st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

STILLE NACHT
 Irr.

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Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

WORDS: Issac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9)
 MUSIC: Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848

ANTIOCH
 CM with Repeat

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,

and re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his

heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.
 re - peat, as, won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 joy. found. love.

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,