

December 24, 2025
Traditional Service
Christmas Eve, 8:00pm



Prelude: What Child is This? Dave Boltz, cornet
Go Tell it on the Mountain - Wayne Corbett and Melinda Russell, 4-Hand Piano
What is This Lovely Fragrance? Bill Baber, organ
The Little Drummer Boy - Wayne Corbett and George Amos, duet

Welcome

***Advent Wreath.** Stevens-Jennings Family

Tonight we light the Christ Candle. The prophet Isaiah said: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, On this Holy Night the lights of your peace, hope, love, and joy have broken through the darkness as your son our savior is born to us once more. May we carry these blessings with us this night and every night. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, who is born to us tonight.

Sung Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Hymn:** UMH 238 Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over

their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Anthem: Christmas Sanctus

Sermon: Redemption of Scrooge: God Bless Us Every One

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Offertory: Still, Still, Still

***Doxology:** UMH 94

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon (UMH pg. 12)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Communion Solo: Sweet Holy Child - Michael Bromley, solo

***Hymn:** UMH 239 Silent Night

***Benediction**

*** Hymn:** UMH 246 Joy to the World