



CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service with Parish Drive ~ December 24, 2025

Your Christmas Offering:

Come now and kneel before the Christ child.
Bring all that you are and all that you have.
Offer your gifts in wonder and surprise and in joy and delight.

We invite you, at the beginning or closing of the service, to place your Christmas Offering in the gold plates located in the back of the Sanctuary.

GATHERING MUSIC *Joy to the World / Unspeakable Joy* *Parish Drive*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good news! Unspeakable joy!

All: A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!

Leader: A child is born for us—a son has been given!

All: Bringing a kingdom of endless peace, we shall call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!

Leader: Come, let us see what God has brought us! Let us see what the Lord has done!

All: Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace and goodwill to all!

SONG *O Holy Night* *Parish Drive*

AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

On this Holy Night We light the candle of hope to remind us that Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

Light the candle of Hope

We light the candle of peace to remind us that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace.

Light the candle of Peace

We light the candle of joy to remind us of the eternal Truth that God is with us and will never leave us.

Light the Candle of Joy

We light the candle of love to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus

Light the Fourth Candle

Now the time is near! The One who will save us, brings God's light into our world. We light this Christ Candle in celebration of God's most precious gift to us - our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Light the Christ Candle

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* verses 1-2 *UMH #234*

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

In the Beginning ~ Genesis 1 & John 1 Mashup

The Coming of Jesus is Announced ~ Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:18-23

Preparations for Jesus' Birth ~ Luke 2:1-5

* HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* *UMH #230*

THE STORY CONTINUES *Jesus is Born ~ Luke 2: 6-7*

SONG *What Child Is This* *Parish Drive*

THE STORY CONTINUES *Jesus' Birth is Announced ~ Luke 2:8-20*

SONG *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* *UMH #240*

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

Blessed God, we praise you on this holy night for the mystery of your Incarnation. We bless you for the birth of Jesus, and for the gift of your salvation. We thank you that you dwell with us in love.

In the name of the infant Jesus we pray for all children, and their families. We pray for peace. We pray for those for whom Christ came: those who suffer, those who are lost or lonely, the sick, the powerless and the rejected, those who struggle

in life; and those who do not know you. Blessed are the poor, and those who mourn. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are persecuted: for among them is Emmanuel.

Holy Spirit, make of our hearts an open manger, that Christ may be born in us anew and live in us always. By your grace help us to receive the gifts of this holy season, to share them with all the world, and to live always in the light of Jesus' presence. Amen.

Moments of Silence

SONG

Light of the World

Parish Drive

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Receive the light that comes to you: it comes from the Christ candle, but it reaches you only through your neighbors. Receive the light from a brother or sister in Christ. Hold the light, enjoy the light, and be thankful.

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."**

BENEDICTION

We are grateful to our guest musicians and vocalists:

*Eddie Easse
Rachel Fikslin*

And Parish Drive

*Paul Fikslin
Michael Michel
Cathy Nalesnik
Dave Philip*

Tonight's Christmas poinsettias are given to the glory of God!

**In Honor of our girls Sydney and Rayna
Erika and Sam Barnes - 1**

**In Honor of our grandsons, Sean & Aidan
In Memory of our parents Paul & Dottie Atherton
and Jim & Dot Creamer
Don & Marilyn Creamer - 4**

**In Honor of John DeVos
Dianne DeVos - 1**

**In Memory of our Granny - Evelyn Stephens
In Memory of Aunt Nancy Wagner
The Flores Family ~ 2**

**In memory of Mom & Dad
Jan Fredericks - 1**

**In Memory of David Ingerman, Charles Mougalian, Our Parents
Lois Mougalian - 3**

In Memory of Charles Mougalian beloved father, father-in-law, and Bapa
In Memory of David B. Ingerman, beloved husband and father
Lori, Alex & Dylan Ingerman - 2

In Memory of Ralph & Millie Jackson
In Memory of Jane & Wayne Shortman
Richard T Jackson - 2

In Memory of Loved Ones
Robert & Nancy Kinch - 2

In Memory of Judy Kloo
Chuck Kloo - 1

In Honor of our grandchildren, Jakob, Sadie, and Ari
Mike & Linda Lakner - 3

In Honor of Juan Martinez
In Memory of Oscar Luna
Victoria Luna ~ 2

In Memory of Don Matthews
The Matthew and Barnes families - 1

In Memory of Loved Ones
Janet Melone - 2

In Memory of our parents; Phil & LaRae Gantt and Bill & Marie Metcalf
The Metcalf Family - 2

In Memory of Mackensie Rae Jennings
Dawn & Bruce Monroe - 1

In Memory of John & Alice Buschner and Harry & Dorothy Nalesnik
Cathy Nalesnik ~ 2

In Memory of Santos and Dorothea Penin and Gladys Jacobus
Linda M. Penin - 2

In Memory of Friends, Family, and God's Love
Jenn Schiffrin - 4

In Memory of Natalie & Frank Sentkowski
Lyn Sentkowski ~ 2

In Memory of loved friends and family
Liz Slevin ~ 2

In Memory of Loved Ones
The Sutton Family ~ 1

In Memory of Jane Fikslin and Joe & Liz's Parents:
Ray & Elinor Fikslin and Joe & Shirley Tible
Liz & Joe Tible ~ 1

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***Lord God, in the deepest of night
there rises the star of morning, of birth,
the herald of a new day you are making,
a day of great joy dawning in yet faint shafts of light and love.***

***I hear the whispers of peace
in the stillness, fresh breezes of promise stirring,
winter sparrows chirping of life,
a baby's cry of need and hope – Christmas!***

***In the darkness I see the light
and find in it comfort, confidence, cause for celebration,
for the darkness cannot overcome it,
and I rejoice to nourish it in myself and in other people,
in the world for the sake of him in whom it was born and shines forever,
even Jesus the Christ.***

~ Ted Loder

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