

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

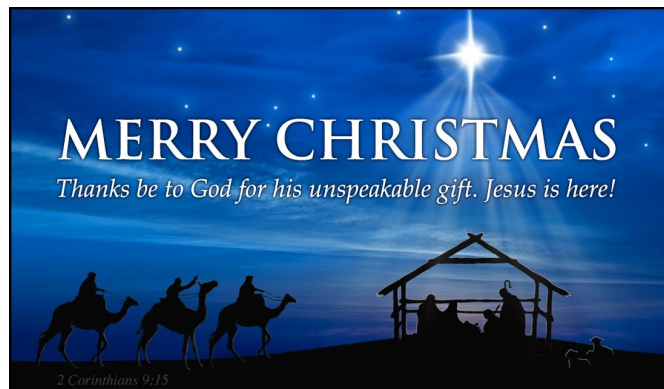
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Silent Night, Holy 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,
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!



... and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah 9:6,
ESV**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2020

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

All are welcome as we come together to worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Prelude Linda Wells, Organ; Ben Winkler, Piano

Welcome Pastor Rachel Hughes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **CHRIST CANDLE** Bob Click, Jordan Theriault

People: Lord, You came as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that You are God and You are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that You are the Light of the world. Let us never forget that if we follow You, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

* Carol of Adoration **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** Lyrics on Back

* Declaration of Praise

Pastor: Brighten, O God, all the world this Christmas with the Light of the World, even Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

People: All heaven and earth sing for joy. We sing in praise for God’s gift of Christ, the Savior of the world. God has come to us!

Pastor: Let every heart be receptive to God’s gift of salvation in Jesus, His Son. Christ is the perfect gift, offering complete atonement for sin, which brings us into a saving relationship with our God.

People: May the Son of God, born in Bethlehem, be born in us today. This night we come to worship with gladness in our hearts!

Christmas Eve Offering

Special Music **“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”** Praise Band

Christmas Message **GOD’S PLAN BEGINS** Pastor Rachel Hughes

Scripture **Luke 1:26-38** Debbie Brimacombe

COMMUNION

Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all people.

The Sharing of the Light

Pastor: Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. And nations shall come to your Light.

People: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Pastor: “You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

The Lighting of the Candles Pastor Rachel Hughes

* Carol of the Lights **“Silent Night, Holy Night”** Lyrics on Back

A Christmas Prayer:

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear and holy hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Your children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen!

Benediction

* Carol of Celebration **“Joy to the World”** Praise Band

Please exit the sanctuary by row and deposit your candle in the basket provided in the narthex.



Pastor: Rev. Rachel A. Hughes
Music Director: Ben Winkler