

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

✠ *Indicates times to stand as you are able.*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE "Christmas Lullabies" *Various Composers*

✠ **CHORAL INTROIT** "Advent's Holy Light" *by Joel Raney*

Introit by choir, with Congregation
Lighting of the Candles

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

L: Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope.

P: Let heaven and nature sing.

L: The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and with us.

P: Let heaven and nature sing.

L: The source of our joy and our salvation is here.

P: Let heaven and nature sing.

L: The greatest gift of all, the gift of love has been given.

P: Let heaven and nature sing.

Prayer
Verse with congregation

✠ **OPENING HYMN** "Joy to the World" #246

READING: HOPE FORETOLD *Chip Wood & Patty Burkholder*

CHORAL ANTHEM "Bring Us Hope" *Ruthie Elaine Schram*
(with French Horn soloist Khristopher Alspaugh)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Room for a Little One"

SOLO "Go Tell It On the Mountain" *Nolan Manahan*

READING: PROPHECY FULFILLED *Erin Perkins & Chip Wood*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

READING: NEWS OF GREAT JOY *Steve Brooks & Chip Wood*

CHORAL ANTHEM "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Wade & Peterson*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
"Nativity Reflections"
(with viola soloist Carli Rossow)

OFFERING RESPONSE #242
"Love Came Down at Christmas" v. 3

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CAROL OF PREPARATION "What Child is This" #219

MESSAGE *Pastor Steve Rath*
SERIES: SING WE ALL NOEL
"O Holy Night"

SOLO "O Holy Night" *(soloist Megan Kimbell)* *Adolphe Adam*

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

✠ **CANDLELIGHT CAROL** "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239
[Please safely extinguish your candles at the end of the song.]

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Silent Night"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ALSO SERVING TONIGHT — DECEMBER 24, 2024

SOUND: Larry Harsila

POWERPOINT: LeeAnne Perkins

ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Ford

USHER CAPTAIN: Dave Batt

SOLOISTS: Khristopher Alspaugh, Carli Rossow

READERS: Steve Brooks, Patty Burkholder, Erin Perkins

ACOLYTES: Max & Oliver Weber

PASTORS: Steve Rath & Christine Case

ORGANIST: Judy Lewis

PIANIST: Steve Miller, Nolan Manahan

CHOR DIRECTOR: Steve Alspaugh

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deb Opkycke

LITURGIST: Chip Wood



REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA HOME!

Thank you to all who purchased the poinsettias, that have beautified our worship spaces. *(See insert.)*

2024 CHRISTMAS GIVING will be divided between *Grace Children's Hospital of Haiti, Bloom Kid's Closet* and the *United Methodist Committee on Relief-U.S.* If you would like to give to these missions, please make your check out to: *Wesley UMC* with a notation: [Christmas Giving](#)

—Thank you from the Wesley Mission Team

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be **CLOSED** from 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 24th thru 7:00 AM, Monday, December 30th. Also 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 31st thru 7:00 AM Thursday, January 2nd 2025.



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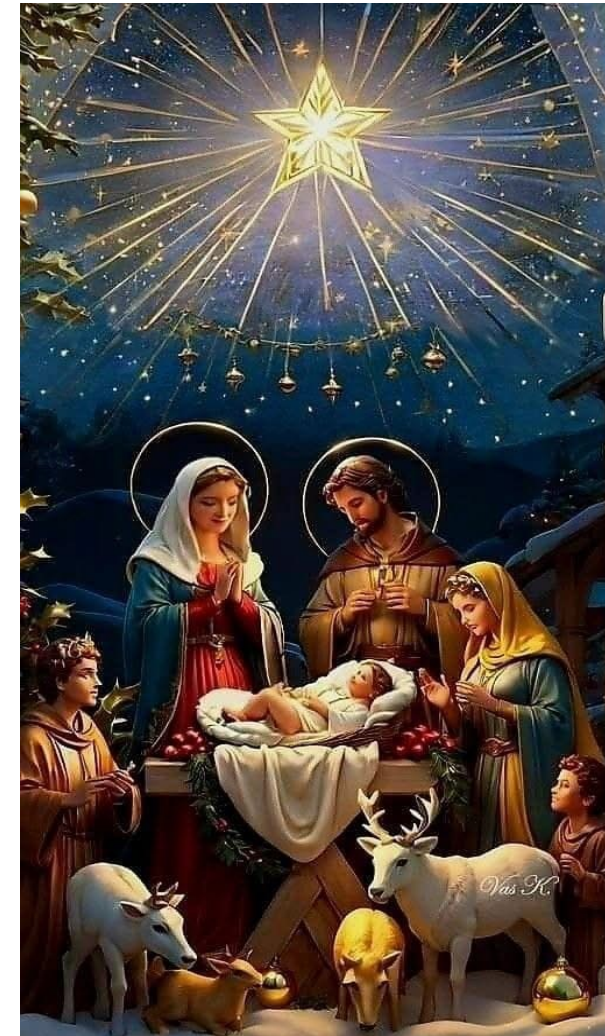
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Rev. Steve Rath