

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

9:00 pm

Christmas Greeting

Prelude **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** arr. Smith
 Brass Ensemble

Choral Call to Worship “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” (excerpt) arr. Larson
Sanctuary Choir and Brass Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Leader: Put aside all the things that aren't yet done to travel to a nowhere town.

People: Welcome one and all to meet Jesus!

Leader: Stop worrying about who will get what to listen to angels proclaim peace.

People: Welcome one and all to meet Jesus!

Leader Both fervent believers and firm skeptics are invited to draw near to the manger.

People: Welcome one and all to meet Jesus!

Leader: May God's goodwill to all fill our hearts with joy to the world this night!

People: Welcome one and all to meet Jesus!

***Hymn** **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** UMH #234
Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

Lighting of the Christ Candle Joyce Tagliaferro and Julie Pavelich

Response	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH #204
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Pastoral 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

Prayer Response	“Amen” Sanctuary Choir	anon.
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Anthem **“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”** arr. Gramann
Crossroad Ringers

The entire Christmas offering goes beyond the doors of SUMC to our Family Needs Fund, Habitat for Humanity and the UMC Global Migration fund.

***Offertory Response “Angels We Have Heard on High”** UMH #238
Verse 1 and refrain

Gospel Response “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” UMH #218
Verse 1

***Lighting of Candles "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH #239**

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.**

***Sung Benediction “Joy to the World” UMH #246**

**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 heaven, and nature sing.**

**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, wonders of his love.**

***Postlude** **"Festival of Carols"** arr. McCarty
Brass Ensemble

*Please rise in spirit or body. Our different physical abilities mean we will assume different postures of worship.

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