

# Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021, 5:00 pm

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** Welcome Home

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*You are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a time of quiet reflection and preparation as we listen to a medley of Christmas Carols & Hymns*

**Prelude** Trumpet Fanfare on Adeste Fideles arr. S.E. Rogers

**Welcome & Announcements** Dave York

**Lighting of the Advent Candle "Christ"** Hornak Family

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) John 1:1-5 Leader

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,

**People:** **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Leader: He was in the beginning with God.

**People:** **All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.**

Leader: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**People:** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Holy Night" (v 1,3)

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "When Christmas Comes to Me" M. Harland  
J. Lippencott

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240  
(v 1,2)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Twas the Night Before" UMCM Ensemble

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" UMC #251  
(v 1,3)

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

### \*Doxology

#### Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

**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.**

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**CHOIR POSTLUDE**

“Night of Silence”  
*Featuring Amy Rajpolt on Organ*

*Share the Christ Candle with your Church Family*

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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**\*Benediction**



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**UMCM Ensemble**

Storyteller: Pastor Chuck  
Mary: Sheryl Rajpolt  
Gabriel: Steve Arnold  
Joseph: John Rajpolt  
Shepherd: Amy Rajpolt

Innkeeper: Michelle Rajpolt  
Angel: Patti Schif  
Melchoir: Malenna Hornak  
Balthasar: Matthew Hornak  
Gaspar: Mitchell Hornak

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif

Liturgist: Dave York

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