

# UMCM Morning Worship

## December 18, 2022, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Love

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Amy Rajpolt

**Advent Candle Lighting** Love Sherwood Family

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 80 (Responsively) Leader

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**People:** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Leader: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**People:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**People:** Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**People:** let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Alleluia, He is Coming" B.Schmalkuche  
Lyrics

**\*Opening Devotional** Lynn Abbot  
"An Image of John" by Karl König



**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**Choir Anthem** "A Tiny Child Will Come"

Don Besig  
Nancy Price

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Isaiah 7:10-16](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 1:18-25](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204  
(Sing twice)

### We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

### \*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, in this Christmas season, we are reminded that you've given us your very son. Amazingly, you placed Him in the care of Mary and Joseph; God being cared for by man. You have such trust in your creation. We are in awe, and give thanks, that you continue to trust us today, with your creation. In that trust, Lord, we offer these gifts with no strings attached, to be used as You see fit in this world. Inspire those entrusted with these gifts to follow your lead. With your power, allow these gifts, and our lives, be a beacon of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE for others in our community so that they can receive your gifts as well. We love you Lord. Amen.

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

**\*Sending Hymn** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230  
(v. 1-4)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Resp.** "Walk in the Light"

**Postlude**

*Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by the Florin Family*

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
Next up: [John 1:1-14](#)



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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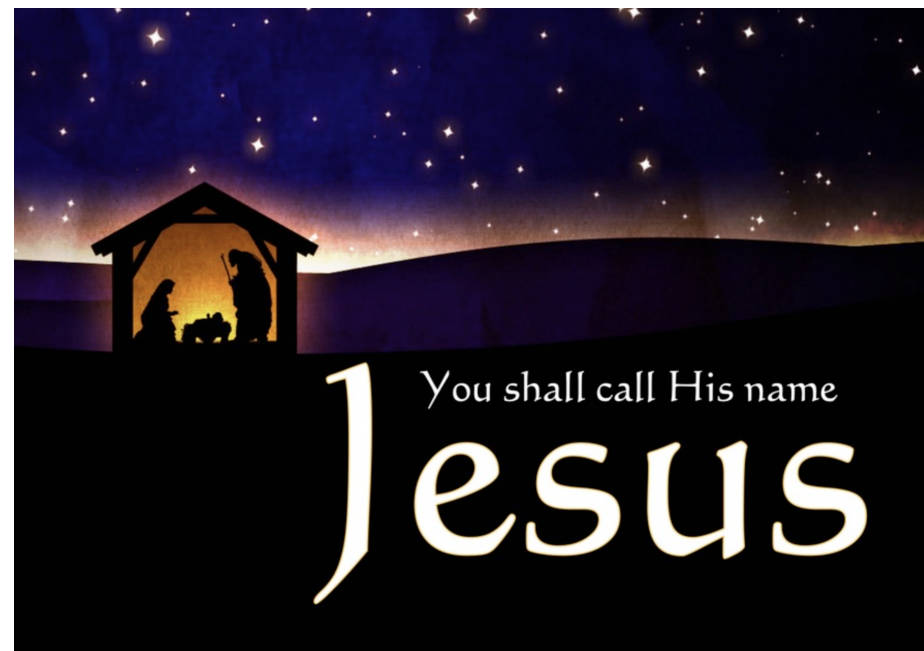
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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***