

# UMCM Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2022, 5:00 pm

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

**Worship Theme: Jesus is the Christmas Miracle**

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "O Holy Night" *Amy Rajpolt, Organ*  
*RoseAnne Homola, Piano*

**Advent Candle Lighting** **Christ** Schif Family

### **Unison Prayer**

Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen

**\*Call to Worship** **Isaiah 9 (Responsively)** **Leader**

**Leader:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People:** those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

**Leader:** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

**People:** and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Leader:** His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

**People:** He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" **UMH #251**  
(v. 1-2)

**\*Opening Prayer** *(Unison)* **Leader**  
Heavenly Father, may this time of worship and celebration remind us of the gift that you've already given us in the Christ-child, the

promise of your coming again in the clouds, and the opportunity we have today to invite Jesus into our lives. *Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.*

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**Choir Anthem** "Rejoice the Lord has Come!" by Nan & Dennis Allen

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

## WE PROCLAIM & RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**1st Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:1-7](#) (NRSV) **Darlene Dobler-Palin**  
**Responsive Hymn** "What Child is This?" **UMH #219 v.1**

**2nd Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:8-14](#) (NRSV) **Ed Hendricks**  
**Responsive Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" **UMH #238 v.1,3**

**3rd Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:15-20](#) (NRSV) **Rose Aiello**  
**Responsive Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" **UMH #234 v.1, 3**

**Message/Skit** "Jesus is the Christmas Miracle" **Hornak Family**

## \*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we once again approach your altar in anticipation of your coming. While we offer these gifts to you, we know that your arrival as the Christ-child - and your presence in our lives today - are the true gifts of Christmas. With your power, allow these gifts, and our lives, to be a beacon of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE, and YOUR PRESENCE *for others* in our community so that they can feel your gifts as well. We love you Lord. Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**\*Sending Hymn** "Silent Night" **UMH #239**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Thank You for joining us tonight - Come back and join our weekly family get-togethers every Sunday morning!**

**Coming Up on Sundays:**

**Dec. 25th - Christmas Morning - @10am - "Jesus & Jammies"!**

Patch-in with us ONLINE tomorrow morning for some fun around the Christmas Tree as we celebrate the gift of Jesus!  
<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

**Jan. 1st - New Year's Day - @10am - "Lessons & Carols"!**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE for a service of Readings and Song celebrating Jesus.

**Jan. 8th - Regular Service @10am - Epiphany & Baptism!**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to better appreciate the realization that Jesus is the Son of God ([Matthew 2:1-12](#), [Matthew 3:13-17](#))

**Jan.15th - Regular Service @10am - The Lamb of God!**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to understand how Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" ([John 1:29-42](#))

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



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

(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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