

UMCM Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

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

Worship Theme: Christ - The Light of the World

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Christmas Medley

Introit "Love Has Come"

Advent Candle Lighting Christ Cacace Family

***Call to Worship** Dylan & Wyatt Palin

Leader: God sends the Light that is Christ into the world.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, be with us now.**

Leader: Not as a deity does God send the Light.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, be with us now.**

Leader: God sends the Light as one of us, a human being, born of flesh and blood.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, be with us now.**

Leader: God sends Christ Jesus, a man born in a small, insignificant town in a poor conquered country.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, be with us now.**

Leader: God sends Christ, who encompasses the world and all creation in the flesh of mortals.

People: **Christ, who is Emmanuel, God with us.**

***Opening Hymn** "The First Noel" UMH #245
(v. 1-2)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Dylan & Wyatt Palin
O God of love, you have brought us together tonight and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM & RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: [Titus 2:11-14](#) (NRSV) Matthew Hornak

Responsive Hymn "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming?" UMH #216 v.1,2

2nd Gospel Reading: [Luke 2:1-7](#) (NRSV) Mitchell Hornak

Responsive Hymn "What Child is This?" UMH #219 v.1,2

3rd Gospel Reading: [Luke 2:8-14](#) (NRSV) Malenna Hornak

Responsive Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240 v.1-3

4th Gospel Reading: [Luke 2:15-20](#) (NRSV) Quinn McGuire

Choir Anthem "Gloria" Jeff Lippencott

Message "The Light of the World Promise" **Pastor Chuck**

***Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts** Henry Whalen

Offering Prayer (Unison) Henry Whalen
O God of all blessings, we give you our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given us, and ask that you accept the gifts we give back to you: our time, talent, and possessions. Tonight we especially remember your extraordinary gift of yourself, Christ Jesus, who was born and lived among us so that we might one day live with you. As you have shown mercy and love to us, grant that we may show that same unstinting grace to everyone we meet. In Jesus Name we ask this. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Special Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** "Silent Night" Insert

Postlude

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

Coming Up - Join us on Sundays:

December 29th - Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we learn about the History of the music we sing!

Jan. 5th - Regular Service @10am - Epiphany of the Lord
Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear of Jesus' visit by the wise men ([Matthew 2:1-12](#))

Jan.12th - Regular Service @10am - Jesus gets Dunked! 😊
Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word on the Baptism of Jesus ([Luke 3:15-22](#)) Ready to take a dip?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



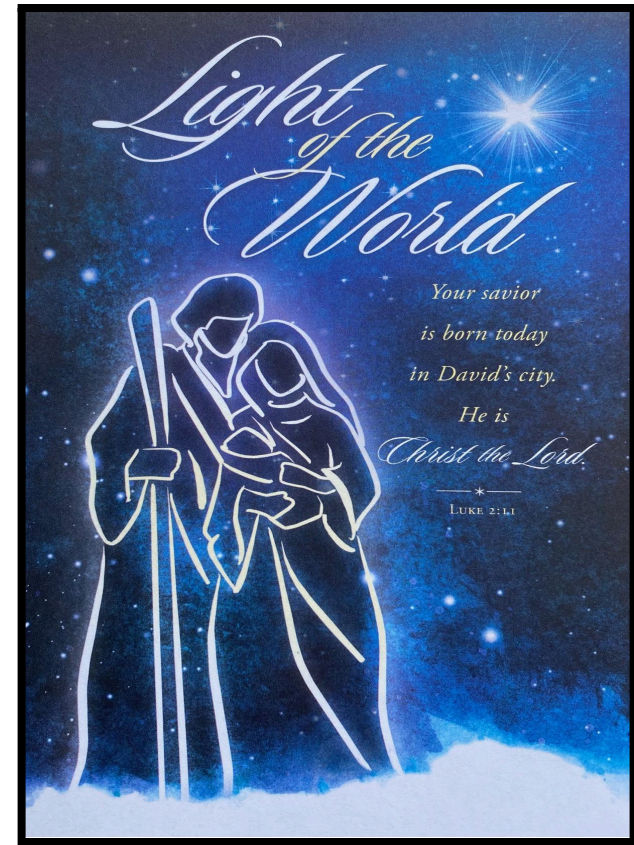
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola
Greeters: the Sherwood family
Advent Candle Lighters: the Cacace family
Liturgists: Matthew, Mitchell & Malenna Hornak, Quinn McGuire,
Dylan & Wyatt Palin, Amy & Michelle Rajpolt, Henry Whalen
Offering Usher: Liam Whalen

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"