

# UMCM Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2025, 7:00 pm

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

**Worship Theme:** Responding to the Gift

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** Preparing the Heart: Christmas Hymns

**Advent Candle Lighting** **Christ** Sherwood Family

**\*Call to Worship** **Luke 2** Patti Schif

Leader: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place*

**People:** **We come, eager to see what God has done.**

Leader: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**People:** **We seek Christ among us, God's promise made flesh.**

Leader: When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

**People:** **We are called to tell the Good News we have received.**

Leader: and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**People:** **May our words and lives point others to God's saving work in Jesus the Christ!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238 v.1,3

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Patti Schif

Dear Jehova Jira; *"The God Who Provides,"* we THANK you for your gift tonight! You not only shower us with your love, but you chose to be Emmanuel; *God with us*, in Jesus the Christ Child. How can we ever thank you for this gift? Allow this time tonight in Your Word, among Your Family, and in Your Silent Night, to learn how we may respond to this gift. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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) Uta Robertson

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

**2nd Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:1-7](#) (NRSV) Chris Shope

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

**3rd Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:8-14](#) (NRSV) Keegan Shope

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

**4th Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:15-20](#) (NRSV) Bob Baker

**Responsive Hymn** "Joy to the World" UMH #246 v.1,4

**Message** "Help Wanted: No Experience Necessary" Pastor Chuck

**Special Music Response: "Help Wanted"**  
from "Signs of Christmas" Pageant by Cathy Skogen-Soldner

*Help wanted! Can you give us a hand?*

*Spread good news across the land.*

*Tell the world that Jesus Christ ...is the way, the truth and the life.*

*Help wanted! Can you give us a hand?*

*Spread the news, good news, good news across the land.*

## \*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

O God of all blessings, we've heard your truth, and we believe. You've moved the hearts of some. You've "planted seeds of faith" in others that will grow at Your allotted time. May this offering, and our praises to you, be the beginning of our response to the gift of your son. May we be bold enough to *"make known what had been told to us about this child"* in our work, in our home, and in our lives. Use us, and these gifts, to make the world *"amazed"*! Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**\*Benediction**

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

**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 28th - 12 Days of Christmas Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we hear interpretations for each of the different gifts provided by God and tied to our walk of faith.

**Jan. 4th - Communion Service @10am - A Light in the Darkness**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to see Jesus at the beginning of it all ([John 1:1-13](#))

**Jan. 11th - Regular Service @10am - Baptism of the Lord**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word on the Baptism of Jesus ([Matthew 3:13-17](#)) Ready to take a dip?

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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)

Pastor: Charles J. Schif

Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola

Lay Leader: Patti Early

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

Greeters: Bob & Sue Baker

Advent Candle Lighters: The Sherwood family

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**



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