

◆Benediction

The voice of Jesus is undimmed by the centuries and his call is as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. May your light be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

Please extinguish your candle as the lights come on and place candles in the boxes marked "used candles".

The children may keep the battery operated candles and carry them into the community to share the light with all.

◆Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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◆Please stand as you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.



The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in honor of their daughter, Catherine Grace Rounsley-Maxwell's, birthday by Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley and David Maxwell.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Service

Welcome to our guests

- Thank you for worshipping with us today.
- We invite you to complete the information in the Friendship Folders when they are passed.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the Friendship Folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Join us for worship on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM and New Year's Day at 10:00 AM (Continental breakfast at 9:30 AM). Sunday worship times include an 8:45 AM traditional service and an 11:00 AM contemporary celebration service. Both services are livestreamed at umcwc.org and archived on youtube.
- Join us for Sunday School at 10:00 AM each week. Classes for ages 2 to Adults.

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Congregation

Christmas Eve Family Service 2022 ~ 4:00 PM

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Folders

Prelude

Ode to Joy
Paige Campitelli
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Ryan Largoza

Beethoven

Bach

Christmas Games

◆ Call to Worship

On Christmas night all Christians sing, **to hear the news the angels bring.**
News of great joy, news of great mirth, **news of our blessed Savior's birth!**
Heaven and earth with joy may sing, **for all of us a newborn King!**
Glory to God, on earth be peace, **goodwill to all, may it never cease!**

◆ Carol and Passing of the Friendship Folders

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Prayer

**O God, whose Son was born in Bethlehem, we thank you for your most wonderful gift, Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace. Settle our minds and hearts in such a way that they become filled with love. Help us to
find a way to fill the season and the days beyond with your hope, your peace, your love and your joy.**

◆ Signs of Peace and Unity in Christ

Music

*Hydom, Hydom
Away in a Manger*
Children's Christmas Choir

Traditional Czechoslovakian Carol

Congregation Sings Verse 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle

Advent hope moves us;

Advent love leads us;

Advent joy stirs us;

Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.
He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts.
He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled;
our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed. We rejoice, a Savior is born.**

Sung Response: *I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light*

no. 206, vs. 1-3

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**

Refrain

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Refrain

◆ Music

*God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
The Little Drummer Boy*
Ryan Largoza

Offering

The World Would Never Be the Same

Andrew McMaster

Three Cheers for Christmas

◆ Carol

The First Noel

no. 245, vs.1-2

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shinging in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth ig gave great
light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Carol

Joy to the World

no. 246 , vs. 1-2

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

◆ Christmas Prayer

Share the news, share the joy— **REJOICE! Jesus is born!**
God's great gift to everyone, His only begotten son. Christmas news, Christmas joy—
REJOICE! Jesus is born!

◆ Passing of the Light

Receive the candlelight from your neighbor's by tilting your unlit candle to receive the flame from their upright and lit candle

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia, Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

(Raise Candles on Third Verse)

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**