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**Worship Times**

9:00 am  
Crossroads  
Contemporary Worship

11:00 am  
Traditional Worship

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOUNTAIN HOME



*Coming  
Home  
for  
Christmas*

***Carols, Communion & Candlelight***  
Christmas Eve • December 24, 2025 - 5:00pm

**PRELUDE**

*Celebrate the New Born King* (Stephenson)

**Joyful Noise, handbells**

**WELCOME/INSTRUCTIONS**

**Rev. John Fleming**

**INVOCATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

**Chancel Choir**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Charleen, Kynlee  
& Raeleigh Ahrenstorff**

Reader: Tonight we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

**All: We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.**

Reader: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

**\*A CAROL TO CELEBRATE THE LIGHT**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**#234**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all Glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**\*A CAROL OF CHRISTMAS**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**#238**

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*This Holy Christmas Night*

Our day of joy is here again with love and peace and song. Come, let us join the angelic strain with voices clear and strong Gloria to our God we sing; Gloria to our Lord and King; Peace, good will with all abide on this holy Christmas night. When darkness lay upon the earth, a glorious light did shine. God send a gift of priceless worth and showed his love divine. Gloria to our God we sing; Gloria to our Lord and King; Peace, good will with all abide on this holy Christmas night.



Now to the manger let us go to worship and adore; The tender babe upon the straw, our Saviour evermore! Gloria to our God we sing; Gloria to our Lord and King; Peace, good will with all abide on this holy Christmas night Christ is born this holy Christmas night.

#### **GOSPEL READING 1**

*Luke 2:1-7*

**Rev. John Fleming**

#### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

*Mary Did You Know*

**Terre Ware, solo  
Shirley Poynter, piano**

#### **GOSPEL READING 2**

*Luke 2:8-14*

**Rev. John Fleming**

#### **\*A CAROL OF CHRISTMAS**

*The First Noel*

**#245**

**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.**

**Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)**

**And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]**

**Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]**

#### **GOSPEL READING 3**

*Luke 2:15-20*

**Rev. John Fleming**

#### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

*Coming Home For Christmas*

**Rev. John Fleming**

#### **A CAROL OF CHRISTMAS**

*Joy To The World*

**#246**

**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.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many of the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast in his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

#### SHARING OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Holy Communion

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*What Child is This?*

*O Holy Night*

**Russell Tucker, Cello &**

**Karla Thompson, piano**

**Anabelle Tucker, solo**

#### SHARING THE LIGHT

(Please stand to light your candle from an upright lit candle. Please remain standing after your candle is lit holding candle upright at all times.)

*Silent Night*

#239

**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!**

**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!!**

#### \*BENEDICTION

**Rev. John Fleming**

#### CANDLELIGHT RECESSIONAL

*Silent Night Reprise*

(Our candles will remain lit as we exit the sanctuary, carrying the Light of Christ into the world!)

*\*We invite those who are able to stand.*

*Have a blessed & Merry Christmas!*

Tonight's Acolytes: **James Clarke & Cannon Lee**