

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
Wednesday December 24, 2025

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**\*Welcoming the Light of Christ** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Dr Denis Plutalov  
UMH 234 v. 1-3, 6

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Congregational Breath Prayer**

*Leader:* Emmanuel, God with us, who brings good news to all the Earth,

*People:* Remind us that good news is louder than fear.

**Call to Worship**

*Leader:* We come dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.

*People:* On this holy night, we come to sing.

*Leader:* We come eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.

*People:* On this holy night, we come to worship.

*Leader:* On this holy night, we come, singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.

*People:* On this holy night, we believe. Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace** *Let us welcome one another in the Spirit of Christ*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Advent Responsorial**

*Leader:* We gather to bask in the glory of God on Earth.

*People:* We gather to remember that good news is louder than fear.

**Advent Song**

“Light the Advent Candle”

TFWS 2090 v. 5

**WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**Special Christmas Affirmation of Faith**

We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe. We believe in Emmanuel, God With Us. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So we hold onto that good news and proclaim: Unto us, a child is born. We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe. Amen.

**Lighting the Prayer Candle**

**Prayer Song**

“Still, Still, Still”

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**Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer**

**Giving Back to God (offering)**

**Offertory**

Dr Denis Plutalov

**Doxology****“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

UMH 95

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

<b>Lesson 1</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	NRSV 600 (OT)
<b>The Word in Song 1</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238 v. 1, 3, 4
<b>Lesson 2</b>	John 1:1-14	NRSV 86 (NT)
<b>The Word in Song 2</b>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	UMH 240
<b>Lesson 3</b>	Luke 2:1-7	NRSV 54 (NT)
<b>The Word in Song 3</b>	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246 v. 1, 2, 3
<b>Lesson 4</b>	Luke 2:8-16	NRSV 54-55 (NT)
<b>The Word in Song 4</b>	“The First Noel”	UMH 245 v. 1, 2, 4

**Children’s Message**

<b>Message</b>	“Good News is Louder Than Fear”	Pastor Helen Paus
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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****Thanksgiving and Communion**

<b>Invitation Song</b>	“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”	UMH 621
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**Invitation to the Table**

<b>Confession and Pardon / Declaration of Forgiveness</b>	UMH 8
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**Taking the Bread and Cup / The Great Thanksgiving**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup**

<b>Hymns during Receiving</b>	UMH 618, 614, 624, 640
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**Closing Prayer****WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE****\*Passing of the Light**

<b>*Sending Song</b>	“Silent Night”	UMH 239
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**\*Benediction**

<b>Postlude</b>	Dr Denis Plutalov
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*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Call to Worship, Songs and Prayers are also on the screen    NRSV = pew Bible,  
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing supplement, WS = Worship and Song*

Please fill out your green attendance form and place it in the offering plate.

Those of you who have purchased poinsettias may take them home with you after the service. The pink ones are around the Advent Candle Wreath. There are plastic bags for them behind the altar.