



Christmas Eve Worship

Dunbar-St Paul United Methodist Charge

December 24, 2025



Bolded words to be read by all

* signifies all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS

Isaiah 9:2-7

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

The people who walk in darkness—that's us!

We have seen deep darkness in the world around us.

We have come to search for the light.

We want the light to shine on us!

Good news! Unspeakable joy!

A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”

A child is born for us!

A son is given to all of us!

We come to see the child that has been born,

we come to gather in the glow of the stable,

we come to sing with angels and wonder with shepherds.

Come and worship! Come and worship!

We come to worship the one who is born for us this day!

* OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH#234

OPENING PRAYER

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24, Luke 2, John 1 & Revelation 19

* CHRISTMAS CAROLS

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH#238

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH#240

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Libby Tolley

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Christmas Prayer”

Choral Anthem

Words and Music: Paul Marino & Greg Nelson

Arranged: J. Daniel Smith

* GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5, 14

MEDITATION

Pastor Jarrod

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH#7

Invitation

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Offering

Doxology “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” v.1

UMH#89

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Receiving the Bread and Cup

We will celebrate communion by intinction- you will receive a small piece of bread and be invited to dip it in the cup of grape juice before partaking..

Gluten-free or nut-free station available upon request as you come forward.

All are welcome to come forward and receive.

Prayer after Communion

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The light from the Christ Candle will be shared with the ushers who will then light the candle of the person on the end of each row. You’re invited to share the light with the person next to you until all the candles have been lit.

* CLOSING HYMN

“Silent Night”

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* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

“Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light”

Written by Jan Richardson

* SENDING FORTH

* POSTLUDE

Gary Wooten, Pianist

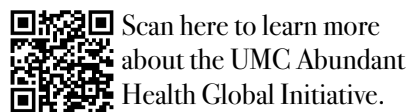
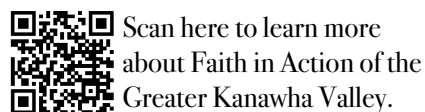
Service Notes & Announcements

There are children's worship kits available for every child worshipping with us this evening. We also have a welcome gift for anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please see an usher to receive either one if you haven't already done so.

The church nursery is not currently staffed but is available to anyone who needs it.

If you purchased a poinsettia(s) you're invited to take them with you following the service. Poinsettia dedication bulletins are located on the Welcome Center.

Tonight's offering will be divided between one local mission project and one global mission project. Our local mission offering will support Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley. Our global mission offering will support The United Methodist Church's global health initiative Abundant Life. You can learn more about each project by scanning the QR codes below.



To give online, scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera to give safely and securely. For tonight's service, please select "Christmas Eve" in the drop-down menu.



Dunbar UMC Info

Sunday Morning Schedule:

Sunday School, 9:30am; Fellowship Time, 10:15am; Worship, 10:45am

Mailing/Physical Address: 1401 Myers Avenue Dunbar, WV 25064

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Rev. Jarrod Caltrider, Pastor Gary Wooten, Choir Director & Accompanist

Missy Ramsey, Church Business Administrator Tim Anderson, Custodian

Sharon Cline, Organist

St. Paul UMC Info

Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30am

Mailing/Physical Address: 4530 Kanawha Tpke, South Charleston, WV 25309

Email: Stpaulumcswv@yahoo.com

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Worship Service Participants

Live-Stream Facilitator: Amy Whittaker Projector Facilitator: Cathy Tucker

Liturgists: Terri Ray & Rick Atkinson Choir Director & Accompanist: Gary Wooten

Ushers: Terry Boswell, Tim Whittaker, Bruce Wilson Organist: Sharon Cline

Communion Servers: Rick Atkinson, Ella Caltrider, Kelley Copen, McKenna Hayes,

Terri Ray