

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEIVING *the BREAD and CUP*

*All are welcome. Communion will be received in the pews.
All elements are gluten free.*

THE SERVICE of CANDLELIGHT

~ Reminder: Tilt your unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle. ~

HYMN *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* #239 UMH
~ Raise your candle during the final verse. ~

*HYMN *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* #238 UMH
Please extinguish your candle as the lights come up
and we join in singing our closing carol.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”* #204 UMH
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.*

*POSTLUDE *“Joy to the World with Hallelujah Chorus”* Handel/Caudill
*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red) TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black book)

NOTE: As you exit the Sanctuary, please place your used candles in the marked metal containers. Thank you for your assistance!

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
With the Sacrament of Holy Communion
5:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Please silence all mobile devices.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“To the World, Joy!” Raney
Bells of Calvary (5:00 PM)
“Come Near to the Manger” Hayes
Chancel Choir (8:00 PM)

***THE CHRISTMAS STORY to LIGHT the CHRIST CANDLE**

The Port Family (5:00 PM)
Nic, Pastor Deb, Abigail, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Jonathan
The Bennett Family (8:00 PM)
Aime and Haley

ONE: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

ONE: But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

ONE: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

MANY: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all people on whom God’s favor rests.”

ONE: When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. They made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

ONE: God’s amazing Songs of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love have been sung among us this Advent Season. Tonight, the Song of Glory is revealed.

~ Light the Christ Candle ~

ONE: In Jesus Christ, God’s glory has taken on flesh and dwells among



us. The Song of Christmas is revealed in fullness and resounds forever, on earth as it is in heaven.

MANY: We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

***HYMN** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (v. 1, 2, 3, & 6) #234 UMH

***PRAYER of ADORATION** Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Deborah Port
Be seated as we join in singing the fourth verse of “O Little Town of Bethlehem” as the children come forward.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION Deanna Williams (5:00 PM)
Aime Bennett (8:00 PM)

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 1:1-5, 10-14

ANTHEM *“All Through the Silent Night”* Raney
Bells of Calvary (5:00 PM)
“What Can I Give Him?” Hayes
Chancel Choir (8:00 PM)

SERMON *“Angels’ Song of Glory”*
Series: The Songs of Christmas
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER of INTERCESSION Pastor Deborah Port

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“O Holy Night”* Hayes
Deborah Benedict

***DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION** Pastor Deborah Port

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING