

Song "Away in a Manger" v 2 UMH 217

Light the Christ Candle

Anthem "The Candle of the Lord" Resounding Joy  
arr. Courtne

Song "Angels We Have Heard on High" v1,2  
UMH238

The Shepherd's Story "While Shepherds Watched Their  
Flocks" v 3 UMH 236

The Magi's Story

Song "We Three Kings" v5 UMH 254

Congregation Candle Lighting

"O Holy Night" Trace Tucker

Closing Song "Joy to the World" v 1 UMH 246

Closing Prayer

MUSICIANS

Bev Slagle – Piano/Organ/Choir Director  
Val Huffman – Trombone  
Trace Tucker - Piano



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

**DECEMBER 24, 2025**

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Acolytes

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Nora Rae Huffman

# The Celebration of Worship

## Christmas Eve – Live Nativity

### Order of Worship

#### Gathering Music

Val Huffman/Bev Slagle

#### Proclamation

Welcome to our Service of the Nativity. We began a journey four weeks ago, a journey that will follow Jesus through this church year. We have watched and waited these past four weeks of Advent, anticipating the Coming of the Christ. And now our wait is over as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. And now our wait is over as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. But even as we celebrate on this night a new act of God in history, we realize that this is not the end of our journey. It is only the beginning. There is much yet to come. And much to do. But here tonight, we come before God in praise and celebration, because of the newness and possibility that God has brought to us in the birth of this Child.

We will light the candles of Advent tonight to remind us of the journey that we have begun. The increasing light reminds us of the light that is coming into the world to enlighten every person.

#### Psalm 46

#### Light the First Advent Candle

Travis Tucker Family

#### Isaiah 35

#### Light the Second Advent Candle

#### Philippians 2:5-11

#### Light the Third Advent Candle

#### Luke 1:67-78

L.: This is the Good News of God's Word to His people.

All: May it be so among the people of God.

L.: Please be seated.

#### The Fourth Advent Candle is lit.

#### Leader:

\*Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v1,4,5,7 UMH 211

#### Mary's Story

#### Special Song

"Breath of Heaven"

Annie Bronsak

arr. Eaton

#### Joseph's Story

"How Could it Be?"

Mark Bronsak

arr. Card

#### Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem

#### Song

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" v1

UMH 230

#### The Birth of Jesus

#### Anthem

"A Tiny Child Will Come"

Resounding Joy

arr. Besig/Price