

Song "Away in a Manger" v 2 UMH 217

Light the Christ Candle

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

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



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DECEMBER 24, 2025

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Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen
Haeden and Kenslie Futton
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