



# **Martin United Methodist Church**

## **Christmas Eve Service of Worship**

*bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison*

TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

W&S: Worship and Song hymnal Supplement

All able are invited to stand for all portions marked with an asterisk (\*)

December 24, 2022

5:00 and 7:00 pm

### **Prelude**

Selections from 'The Nutcracker'

Christmas Quartet

### **Welcome and New Year's Invitation**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

*We are so glad to celebrate Christmas with you this year!  
Please take a moment to let us know that you are here by  
completing the registration pad at the end of your pew.*

## \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

5pm: Mike and Beverly Springer

7pm: The Leakona Family

## \*Opening Carol

*Joy to the World*

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,



and heaven and na - ture sing,  
re - peat the sound-ing joy,  
far as the curse is found,  
and won - ders of his love,

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and  
re -  
far  
and

sing, and heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
  
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 peat the sound-ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

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## Children's Time

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

One of God's great gifts to the world is our kids. We welcome children in worship, and celebrate their presence with this special moment just for them.

## Musical Reflection

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
The Worship Choir

arr. D. Forrest

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

# 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.***

## Musical Reflection

Sing Lullaby  
The Worship Choir

arr. H. Sorenson

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

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or [give via text to 844-976-2515](tel:844-976-2515). Simply enter the amount  
you would like to give, and instructions will follow.

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## Offertory

*Fiefia a Mamani*  
The Tongan Choir

Traditional

## \*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r up -  
lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

**1** In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. **2** This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. **3** Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. **4** Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. **5** He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. **6** While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

**8** Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. **9** The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

**10** The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. **11** Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. **12** This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, **14** "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

**15** When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see what’s happened. Let’s confirm what the Lord has revealed to us.” **16** They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. **18** Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. **19** Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. **20** The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

## **Sermon**

*Hope Is Found  
in the Candlelight*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

*Our Communion table is open to all who seek to experience the grace of God today. You are invited to come forward and receive this gift of God’s love for you today, as you are directed by the ushers.*

## **Sharing the Light of Christ**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

*We pass the light of Christ throughout the congregation, remembering that God’s love and light overcame darkness. Glow sticks are available for children, and all who prefer one.*

## **\*Candlelight Carol**

*Silent Night*

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# Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;

round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,  
glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heavenly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!  
ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face with the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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## \*Benediction

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

At the conclusion of Silent Night, we invite you to go forth in peace,  
and remember that the light of Christ goes before you.

A trail of lights has been set up in the courtyard so that we  
might all walk out surrounded by the light of Christ.

## Postlude

Emma Wimberg



There's something special and holy about our experiences at Christmas and Easter. God feels close at hand... but what about those days between the high and Holy days of Jesus' birth, the pain of his death and the new life of his resurrection? We invite you to join us beginning January 8 as we walk the everyday with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. When we walk with Jesus through the every day, we see that Jesus

**Unleashed Heaven** every day.