

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist & Pre-Service Music.....Becca Miller
Worship Leaders.....Kim & Dave Witkovsky
Soloist.....Ben Miller
Drama.....Rebecca Wolf, Ben Miller, Zoë Miller
.....Micah Gibbel, Danielle Gibbel
Children's Time.....Michele Gibbel
Lighting the Christ Candle.....Malakai Wolf
Audio/Visual.....Justin Tomevi, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

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to access our church's online giving



The offering this evening will be given to support the work of Heifer International by raising money for their “living gifts” of animals for families in need. Our goal is to fund a “Gift Ark” by raising \$5,000 as a church.

Please consider giving this season. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT: A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



December 24, 2025



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*“To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World”*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:00 PM December 24, 2025

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT *“Ding Dong, Merrily on High”* Barthelson

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Unison Prayer

**We rejoice in God’s steadfast presence in our lives,
and in God’s unique presence in the life of
Jesus of Nazareth— born of Mary, growing through
childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting
the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by
the centuries his call and his promise as clear to us as it
was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus,
Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of your life be kindled in us, And lead us to
the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us.
Amen.**

*HYMN *“O come, all ye faithful”* 212

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-6

CHILDREN’S TME

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-5

ANTHEM *“Breath of Heaven”* Grant, Eaton, & Emerson
Women’s Ensemble

HYMN *“O little town of Bethlehem”* 191

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:6-7

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *“Infant holy, infant lowly”* 206

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:8-14

HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:15-20

*HYMN *“It came upon a midnight clear”* 195

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Processional Offertory *“Worship the King”* Arr. Ham

*Offering Response *“Away in a manger”* 194(v1-2)

*Offering Prayer

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

Invitation and Instructions

Candle Lighting Solo *“O Holy Night”* Ben Miller

*Hymn *“Silent night, holy night”* 193

Please use caution when passing the light of the candles.

Always keep lighted candles upright and only tilt unlit candles
to receive the light. Keep paper and hair away from lit candles,
and watch children closely. Thank you.

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *“All the Earth Rejoices”*
Quoting themes by G. F. Handel Arr. Mark Hayes

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.