

Greetings Emanuel's Family,

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. You are invited to rejoice with us in-person and online. Our hope is that God's greatest gift is celebrated in a way that you feel cherished, safe, and loved.

The Sanctuary will be open from 2:30 - 4 p.m. for quiet, contemplative meditation and prayers. The trees will be twinkling, soft music playing, and memories alive in every nook and cranny.

Bring a chair or blanket, and perhaps a flashlight, to enjoy Christmas music on the front lawn beginning at 4 p.m. Street parking will be reserved for those wishing to remain in their vehicle. The outdoor Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 4:30 p.m. Communion will be brought to those in their cars.

In the spirit of love, safety is still a primary concern. Everyone who gathers on the church campus is to wear a face mask and keep 6 feet apart from non-household members and traveling companions. Joyful waves and salutations are strongly encouraged, as is singing outdoors. (Thanks be to God!)

Many of our members will be worshiping with us at home this year. At 4 and 5:30 p.m. you can enjoy Pastor Marcus and Pastor Kelsie's Children's Message on Facebook and YouTube. A traditional Emanuel's Christmas Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion will be broadcast on KWED, Facebook, and YouTube at both 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The heavenly chorus sings, "Glory to God in the highest!" We give thanks for all the saints who have proclaimed God's glory in word and deed. Let us join them this night in joyful praise for the birth of Jesus Christ bringing the light of salvation to all people.

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