

## *Christmas Eve*

\*Please stand, if able.

Prelude *Partita on 'Adeste Fideles,' Op. 48* Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

\* Opening Hymn UMH No. 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES  
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6

Lighting the Christ Candle Stephan and Sierra Margeson and family  
Tonight is the night for which we have all been waiting.  
Our Advent wreath will now be completed by the lighting of our Christ  
candle.  
“For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born and the order of  
the world will be upon his shoulders.”  
With the birth of Jesus, our lives will be forever changed.  
We will be transformed by his model and message.  
We light this candle to represent that Christ is truly the center of our  
lives.

The Christmas Story

*Listen to the scripture being told, watch as Front Street children act out this  
scene, and experience the Greatest Story anew this year.*

\* Hymn UMH No. 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

Homily Rev. Ray Warren

Offering & Offertory *The Wexford Carol* arr. Howard Helvey  
(b. 1968)

\* Doxology UMH No. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
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Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God, who labors to bring forth abundant life among us, we thank you for  
the birth we celebrate tonight. A newborn bundle of human life can cause  
us to gaze for hours, amazed. Refresh our amazement that you sent Jesus  
to us from your very self, to be born as a human baby, and to live among  
us, showing us the way to new life. In response to your great labor of  
love, may we open ourselves to you, that you may create new life among  
us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

UMH No. 13

Communion Music

*Canon in D*

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

Prayer after Communion (In Unison)

We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus  
Christ, both in the midst of time and history in the city of Bethlehem,  
and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit as we receive the gifts of  
bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your  
love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Passing of the Light

\* Closing Hymn UMH No. 239 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

(Please depart in silence and deposit your candles in the  
baskets at the exits.)

## *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nelson  
Reid by June Reid and his family.

A **Christmas Eve Offering** will be taken during the service tonight, the proceeds of which will be divided between missions and the church budget.

The **Christmas Day service** is at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. ONE service only and no nursery, childcare, or children's Sunday School.

# Front Street

## United Methodist Church

*"She wrapped him in cloths  
and placed him in a manger,  
because there was no room  
for them in the inn."*

*Luke 2:7, NIV*



Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2022  
5:00 p.m.