



Ordinary Glory – by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman  
Inspired by Luke 2: 1-20

## ***“At Home In Bethlehem”***

### **December 24, 2021**

**7:00 p.m. Family Interactive, Flame-Free Service**

**Worship Services:** Sundays at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School Activities for all ages 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Wednesday Dinner Worship at 5:45 followed by programs for all ages.

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# Christmas Eve Service

Rev Steve Stultz Costello, Senior Pastor ~ Rev Jake Heskett, Associate Pastor

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

**December 24, 2021, 7:00 PM**

*All children are invited to participate in tonight's retelling of the Christmas story.*

*Children are welcome to put on a costume accessory. Angel, shepherd, and nativity animal accessories are available in the Gathering Area. Children will be invited to come forward during the service. Please return the costume accessories at the conclusion of the service.*

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Sue Wheeler, harp

### PRELUDE

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

Melchior

Sarah Phillips, organ, piano

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:14, 9:2,6-7

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

UMH 211

Vs. 1, 2

### WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: The story we share tonight tells of all that took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled: *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel*, which means God with us. The story of Christmas is God's invitation to us to be welcomed home. (Matthew 1:21-23)

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Griffith Family

### \*HYMN

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

UMH 238

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1-7

### \*HYMN

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

UMH 230

vs. 1, 2 , 4

### SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

Ben, Maya and Madeline Griffith

Sandy Wallace, Director

*Watch the gift of the Christ Child come into our gathered community.*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-12

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HYMN	<i>"The First Noel"</i> vs. 1,2, 4	UMH 245
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Shepherds, sheep, and animals are invited to come to the manger to greet the Christ child</i>	Luke 2:13-15
HYMN	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing "</i> <i>Angels are invited to come to the manger to greet the Christ child</i>	UMH 240
SCRIPTURE READING		Luke 2:16-19
HYMN	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i> vs. 1,3 <i>All children are invited to come to the manger to greet the Christ child</i>	UMH 217
THE STORY	<b>"At Home in Bethlehem"</b> Rev. Steve Stultz Costello	

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST** Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director  
*Tonight we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. God calls all of God's children - of all ages and situations—to this celebration. Therefore, tonight we bear the light of Christ into the world in a manner which honors all ages and situations. We do so with glow sticks for the sake of safety and accessibility. To 'light' your glow stick, shake it, snap it, and shake it some more. Then join in singing Silent Night to celebrate the coming of Jesus into all of our nights and days.*

HYMN	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	UMH 239
GOSPEL READING		Luke 2:20
*BENEDICTION	(Please take your glowsticks with you to continue shining Christ's light)	
*HYMN	<i>"Go Tell It on the Mountain"</i>	UMH 251
POSTLUDE	<i>"Joy to the World"</i> Sarah Phillips, organ, piano	Melchior

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\*Please stand in spirit and body CCLI License #1596957



We are a Safe Sanctuaries Congregation.  
All volunteers are trained, and background checked.



Sensory bags and noise reducing headphones are available at the Welcome Center



Hearing Loop Installed – Please switch your hearing device to  
“T” - “T-Coil” - “Tele Coil” or consult your audiologist.

## **Worship Resources for Children and Families:**

Special bulletins, worship activities, books, finger labyrinths and Nativity puppets can be found on the Family Prayer Ground in the front of the sanctuary and the Worship Engagement Shelf in the Narthex (the room at the back of the sanctuary). Noise reducing headphones and Sensory Bags are available at the Welcome Center.

## **Nursery Care for Children:**

Children are always welcome in worship at Faith United.

The Family Prayer Ground with tables and rocking chairs provides a close-up view of worship.

Rocking chairs are available in our Narthex.

Nursery care is available in room 18.

Our ushers and greeters will be happy to assist you.



### **Reverend Steve Stultz Costello & Reverend Jake Heskett FUMC Community Ministers**

Sharyl Syler	Director of Finance and Administration
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