December 24, 2021 11:00pm

Welcome to this celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

PRELUDE MUSIC Creator of the Stars of Night, arr. Joel Galyon Wesley Bell Ringers, dir. Katie Lay

WELCOME Rev. Russell Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Come, Emmanuel, into our midst and into our hearts.

All: We come to the stable to witness the birth of the child.

One: O Come, Emmanuel, and bless us with your gift of love and

life.

All: We come, filled with hope for a world transformed by the life of this child.

One: O Come, Emmanuel, be present with us in this time and

place.

CAROL OF CELEBRATION O Come, All Ye Faithful #234, vs. 1 & 3

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Star Child #2095, vs. 1 & 5

SPECIAL MUSIC The Holly and the Ivy, arr. Anna Laura Wesley Bell Ringers, dir. Katie Lay

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Ave Maria, arr. Dan R. Edwards
Wesley Bell Ringers, dir. Katie Lay

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-14

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #230, vs. 1 & 4

CAROL The First Noel #245. vs. 1 & 2

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:15-20

 READING Christmas Returns Howard Thurman

SPECIAL MUSIC On This Day Earth Shall Ring

arr. Fred Gramann Wesley Bell Ringers, dir. Katie Lay

CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CAROL Silent Night #239

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gesù Bambino by Pietro Yon

Please place extinguished candles in the boxes provided at the door.

Thank you.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

To Give by Text, send dollar amount to 801-317-8833. **Online Giving** use the QR code to the right.

Tonight's offering will support the many programs and outreach ministries of Christ United Methodist Church, including ministry with Children and Families, and Outreach in the community to families who are hungry, homeless, discriminated against or in need of assistance.

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Please join us for our regular worship services on Sunday mornings December 26th - Worship Service at 10:30am

Nursery Care available at 10:30am Sunday School for Children at 10:30am Sunday School for Adults at 9:00am in the Chapel

Sunday School resumes on January 9th

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