

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Christmas Eve



# CHRIST

For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is CHRIST the Lord.

LUKE 2:11, KJV



DECEMBER 24, 2023  
7:00 PM

# PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

“Christmas Processional”

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CHORAL INTROIT

“Advent Introit and Blessing”

# HYMN

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

# ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro: “Light of Light”

Reader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

**People: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Reader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and grant us peace.

**People: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Reader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and bring us true joy.

**People: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

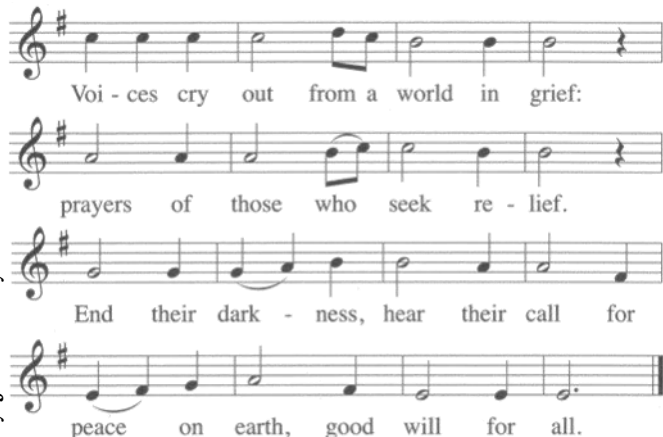
Reader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and fill us with love.

**People: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Reader: Today, we light all five candles - the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and finally, the Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. The candle of hope reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. The candle of peace reminds us that peace will one day reign. The candle of joy is a reminder that we have been given eternal life and have no reason to be fearful. And the candle of love represents God's redeeming love for us, brought to earth in the form of a tiny child. Amen.

## LIGHT OF LIGHT

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People: God of light, tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus.  
We thank you for this, the most precious of Christmas  
gifts, and we ask that you keep the hope, peace, joy,  
and love of this season in our hearts, now and  
throughout the coming year. Emmanuel—God is with  
us, now and forevermore. Amen.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 2:1-7

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

“Bethlehem”

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 2:8-14

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

“The Christmas Morn”

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 2:15-20

## **HYMN**

UMH #240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

## **SERMON**

Rev. Matthew Tate

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

“The Beautiful Impossible”

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

See the back page for a variety of ways to give. All loose cash  
offerings received this evening will go to our Christmas Offering.  
Offertory Sarah Burr

“Hope Was Born This Night”

\* Doxology

UMH #95

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

UMH #239

“Silent Night”

\* **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Mary Jane Seanor

“Joy to the World”

\* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

Come back this evening at 11:00 PM for our

# Christmas Vigil





# P O I N S E T T I A S

## G I V E N B Y . . .



Jean Loffler (x2)

IN MEMORY OF  
Carl "Buddy" Loffler,  
Her Husband,  
and their parents

The Marks Family

IN MEMORY OF  
Patrick Marks,  
Their Father and Grandfather

K. Liebschutz (x2)

IN MEMORY OF  
The Gloger, Liebschutz, and  
Lathon Families

K. Liebschutz (x2)

IN HONOR OF  
The Men and Women of our  
Armed Services

Janet Cook

IN HONOR OF  
Members of Lunch Bunch

Cain Family

IN MEMORY OF  
Iva Cain, Bill's Mother and  
Fred Cain, Bill's Brother

Cain Family

IN MEMORY OF  
Otis & Louise Wood and  
Roy & Mary Calvert,  
Candy's Grandparents

The Branch Family

IN MEMORY OF  
Mike Branch

Shirley Tubbs

IN MEMORY OF  
J.C. Tubbs, Her Husband, and  
IN HONOR OF  
Her Children and Grandchildren

Janine & Mike Schmitt

IN HONOR OF  
Their Children, Grandchildren,  
and Great-Grandson

Janine & Mike Schmitt

IN MEMORY OF  
Lois & Will Oney,  
Janine's Parents

Janine & Mike Schmitt

IN MEMORY OF  
Art Oney, Forrest Oney and  
Roberta Oney,  
Janine's Siblings

Tom & Janet McGovern

IN HONOR OF  
Their Family

Brian Getty

IN MEMORY OF  
Marilyn Getty, His First Wife, and  
Leonard & Barbara Getty,  
His Parents

Gail Hepp-Getty

IN MEMORY OF  
Roger Hepp, Her First Husband,  
and Althea & Milton Loudon,  
Her Parents



# POINSETTIAS

## GIVEN BY . . .



The Benhams  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Barbara Benham,  
Bill's Parents

Sarah Burr  
IN MEMORY OF  
Paul & Jean Rothwell  
Her "Adopted" Grandparents

The Benhams  
IN HONOR OF  
Lailon & Frankie Dorsey,  
April's Parents

Tammy Burr  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Sharon Williams,  
Her Parents

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
J. C. Tubbs,  
Kim's Father

Wade Thompson  
IN MEMORY OF  
Rodney & Jeanette Thompson,  
His Parents

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Shirley Tubbs,  
Kim's Mother

Wade Thompson  
IN MEMORY OF  
Latelle & Edna Thompson and  
Clarence & Helen Davis  
His Grandparents

Tricia Blaser  
IN MEMORY OF  
Gary Callis,  
Her Father

Brian Getty  
IN MEMORY OF  
Steve Getty,  
His Brother

Tricia Blaser  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mr. & Mrs. Noah Callis Jr.,  
Her Grandparents

# THANK YOU

for helping us make  
the sanctuary beautiful for Christmas! You may take  
your poinsettias home following the service. Please  
do not take the large poinsettias on the pedestals.





## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to our HUMC Needy Fund and to Three Oaks. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve evening services will be directed to the Christmas Offering. You can also use the Christmas Offering envelope from your numbered box or [give online to the Christmas Offering all month long.](#)



LESSONS  
AND  
*Carols*

**Sunday, December 31**  
**10:00 AM**



## EPIPHANY/STAR WORDS SERVICE

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 7, WILL FEATURE  
STAR WORDS FOR YOU TO  
FOCUS ON IN 2024.**



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