

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vigil



DECEMBER 24, 2024
11:00 PM

WELCOME

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT 11:00 PM

PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

“The First Noel/Christmas Eve Waltz”

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Mt. Sylvan UMC, Durham, NC

Pastor: Rejoice, for God is with us—Emmanuel.

People: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

Pastor: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

People: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

* **CAROL**

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

* **PRAYER**

Gracious God, With joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors.” This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH

John 1:1–2, 4–5

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named

People: Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel.

THE COMING OF JESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO MARY & JOSEPH

Luke 1:26–38, Matthew 1:18–25

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emma Seanor

“Hallelujah”

to WORSHIP

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THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-5

CAROL

UMH #230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:6-7

CAROL

UMH #217

“Away in a Manger”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emma Seanor

“Noel”

JESUS' BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:9-14

CAROL

UMH #240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

THE SHEPHERDS FIND THE BABY JESUS

Luke 2:15-18

CAROL

UMH #245

“The First Noel”

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Tate

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

People: Merciful God, we confess that often we find darkness more comfortable than light. We confess that we find your good news frightening and unsettling, especially when we consider its demands as well as its promises. We confess that Christmas has become more to us than the birthday of the Christ, partly because we do not want a Christ-Child in our lives or in our world. (continued)

People: Forgive us, break us, bend us, remake us. Give us the courage to lay ourselves open to the wonder and healing of your coming. Be born again into our world, be born again into our hearts and lives. Hear now our silent and personal confessions as we prepare ourselves for your nativity.

Leader: The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sin.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

CAROL

“Silent Night”

UMH #239

BENEDICTION

*** CAROL**

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Mary Jane Seanor

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

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to the HUMC Needy Fund and Three Oaks Center. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve 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](#).



P O I N S E T T I A S

G I V E N B Y . . .



Tom & Janet McGovern
IN MEMORY OF
Margaret McGovern,
Tom's Mother

Candy & Bill Cain
IN MEMORY OF
Fred, Iva, and Jeff Cain,
Bill's Family

Brian Getty
IN MEMORY OF
Marilyn Getty,
His First Wife;
Leonard & Barbara Getty,
His Parents; and
Steve Getty,
His Brother

Tom & Janet McGovern
IN MEMORY OF
James F. Wild, Sr,
Janet's Father

Candy & Bill Cain
IN HONOR OF
Janet Taylor,
Candy's Mother

Gail Hepp-Getty
IN MEMORY OF
Roger Hepp,
Her First Husband; and
Milton & Althea Louden,
Her Parents

The Branch Family
IN MEMORY OF
Mike Branch

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

Kathryn Liebschutz (x2)
IN MEMORY OF
Those Who Have Perished

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

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

Beverly & Steve Wilson (x2)
IN MEMORY OF
Joan & Dave Wilson,
Steve's Parents

Jean Loffler
IN MEMORY OF
Carl "Buddy" Loffler,
Her Husband

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

Beverly & Steve Wilson (x2)
IN MEMORY OF
Mary Ellen & Kinsey Burke,
Beverly's Parents

Harley & Janet Cook
IN HONOR OF
Their Family

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

Shirley Tubbs
IN MEMORY OF
JC Tubbs, Her Husband,
and IN HONOR OF
Her Children &
Grandchildren

Dee Snyder
IN MEMORY OF
All My Lost Ones in 2024

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



P OI N S E T T I A S G I V E N B Y . . .



The Blundell Family
IN MEMORY OF
Carol Chapman
Mother

Elise & Richard Smith
IN HONOR OF
Frank and Wendy van Vliet,
Parents

Linda Coppage
IN MEMORY OF
Steve & Mary Pogany,
Her Parents,
Plus Her Grandparents

The Blundell Family
IN HONOR OF
Robert & Janet Blundell
Parents

Dianne Tavera
IN MEMORY OF
Jose Tavera
Her Husband

Chuck Gantz
IN MEMORY OF
C. Kenneth & Margaret D.
Gantz,
His Parents

The Blundell Family
IN HONOR OF
Charles Chapman
Father

Dianne Tavera
IN MEMORY OF
Preston & Rosalie Insley
Her Parents

Cathy Nash
IN MEMORY OF
Marty Nash,
Her Husband

The Prelog Family
IN MEMORY OF
Henry Burger,
Sarah's Father

Gabriella King
IN MEMORY OF
Gabriella Banville,
Her Grandmother

Christee Bauer
IN MEMORY OF
Virginia Apelian
Her Grandmother

Pat Brown
IN MEMORY OF
Mickey Brown,
Her Husband

Marty & Betsy Barley
IN MEMORY OF
Sharon Barleu

Marty & Betsy Barley
IN MEMORY OF
Andy Westerfield

THANK YOU for helping us make the sanctuary beautiful for Christmas!

PLEASE take your poinsettias home following the 7:00 PM service.

Do not take the large poinsettias on the pedestals.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



**12 Days of
Christmas
Service**
Sunday, December 29
10:00 AM

**KIDS! Bring a toy next Sunday for
the Blessing of the Toys!!!!**



**EPIPHANY/STAR WORDS
SERVICE**

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 5, WILL FEATURE
STAR WORDS FOR YOU TO
FOCUS ON IN 2025.**



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