

Welcome & Merry Christmas

PRELUDE

"Christmas Processional"

OPENING READING

CHORAL INTROIT "Festive Introit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH #234

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro

"Advent's Holy Light"

- Reader: As we gather on this sacred Christmas Eve, we light all the candles, including the center candle, the Christ candle. Together, these candles symbolize the Light of the World coming to dispel the darkness. As we light this Christ candle, may its flame ignite the warmth of God's love within us and spread the message of joy and salvation to all. Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope.
- People: Let heaven and nature sing.
- Reader: The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and within us.
- People: Let heaven and nature sing.
- Reader: The source of our joy and our salvation is here.
- People: Let heaven and nature sing.

Reader: The greatest gift of all, the gift of love, has been given.

People: Let heaven and nature sing.

Reader: Gracious Creator, we thank you for the love that brought Christ into our lives, for the hope his birth represents, and for the peace that his presence brings. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may this Christ candle illuminate our hearts and minds, drawing us closer to you and to one another. In the name of the newborn King, we pray. Amen.

People: Sing "Advent's Holy Light"

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Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

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Isaiah 9

Mary Jane Seanor

NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 2:1–7
CHORAL ANTHEM "The Majestic Manger"	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 2:8–14
CHORAL ANTHEM "The Beautiful Impossible"	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 2:15–20
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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	
SERMON	Rev. Matthew Tate
CHORAL ANTHEM "The Birthday of a King"	

OFFERINGS ITHES Ň See the back page for a variety of ways to give. All lose cash offerings received this evening

will go to our Christmas Offering. Offertory UMH #95

Doxology *

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Prayer of Thanksgiving ⊁

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *

"Silent Night"

BENEDICTION * POSTLUDE

"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



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

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

> The Branch Family IN MEMORY OF Mike Branch

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

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

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

Shirley Tubbs IN MEMORY OF JC Tubbs, Her Husband, and IN HONOR OF Her Children & Grandchildren Candy & Bill Cain IN MEMORY OF Fred, Iva, and Jeff Cain, Bill's Family

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

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

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

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

Harley & Janet Cook IN HONOR OF Their Family

Dee Snyder IN MEMORY OF All My Lost Ones in 2024 Brian Getty IN MEMORY OF Marilyn Getty, His First Wife; Leonard & Barbara Getty, His Parents; and Steve Getty, His Brother

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

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

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

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

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





The Blundell Family IN MEMORY OF Carol Chapman Mother

The Blundell Family IN HONOR OF Robert & Janet Blundell Parents

The Blundell Family IN HONOR OF Charles Chapman Father

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

Pat Brown IN MEMORY OF Mickey Brown, Her Husband Elise & Richard Smith IN HONOR OF Frank and Wendy van Vliet, Parents

> Dianne Tavera IN MEMORY OF Jose Tavera Her Husband

Dianne Tavera IN MEMORY OF Preston & Rosalie Insley Her Parents

> Gabriella King IN MEMORY OF Gabriella Banville, Her Grandmother

Marty & Betsy Barley IN MEMORY OF Sharon Barleu Linda Coppage IN MEMORY OF Steve & Mary Pogany, Her Parents, Plus Her Grandparents

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

> Cathy Nash IN MEMORY OF Marty Nash, Her Husband

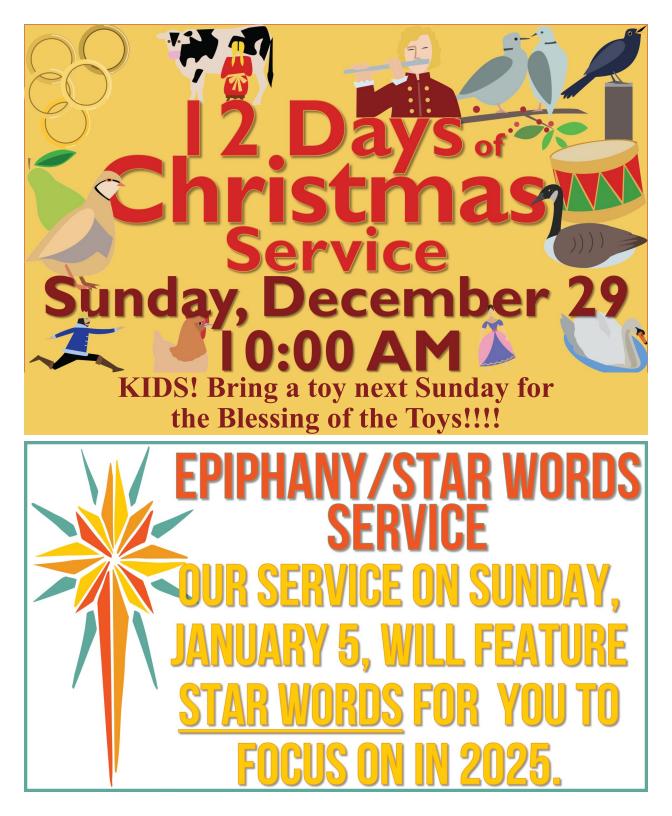
Christee Bauer IN MEMORY OF Virginia Apelian Her Grandmother

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.



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 <u>give online to the</u> <u>Christmas Offering all month long</u>.



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