

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

December 24, 2024

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

PRELUDE: *selections*

CHOIR: “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

WELCOME AND PRAYER: Pastor Wade Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: On this sacred evening, we gather in wonder

People: As shepherds once did beneath starlit skies

Leader: Simple gifts hold eternal meaning

People: A manger cradles heaven's love

Leader: Let our voices join in celebration

All: For God's presence dwells among us tonight

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, on this holy night, we gather with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you for the hope, love, and joy that He brings into our lives. May our lives be filled with the warmth of your love and the light of your guidance.

*HYMN # 173 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

READING (from Isaiah 9)

CHOIR: “Emmanuel, Expected Jesus”

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Luke 2:1-20)

*HYMN # 155 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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SPECIAL MUSIC: “Christmas Lullaby”

(Joy Van Riper, Natalie DeTraglia, Dan Frye, David Kraft)

*HYMN # 152 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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SPECIAL MUSIC: “Mary Did You Know?”

Mike O’Brien

*HYMN # 146 “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”

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SPECIAL MUSIC: “Christmas Dreams”

Earl Pettit

MEDITATION

COMMUNION

***CANDLE LIGHTING:** “Silent Night”

(Words are printed on back of bulletin)

Please keep your candles lit and remain standing during the closing prayer.

* *indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

Please return your candle to the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.

Thank you! Blessed Christmas!!

You may take your poinsettia home tonight, following the service.



Silent Night! Holy Night!

**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.**