

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

Online Worship Service 3:00 p.m.



Prepare Room

[Have candles/lights ready for the end of the service.]

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze" by J.S. Bach

Ann Duchow, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us,
A son given to us;
Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Let us worship God With us as we sing with all the faithful.

Opening Carol

"O Come All Ye Faithful" verses 1-3

UMH 234

Lighting the Advent Wreath — Christ

Susan & Smokey McGovern

Advent Chorus

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verse 6 and refrain

UMH 211

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20

Carol

"What Child Is This" verses 1-2

UMH 219

Sermon

"When Nothing Is the Same"

Rev. Stephanie Schlimm

Song of Response

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

UMH 242

Prayers of the People — *For prayer concerns of people by name, please fill out our online registration and ask to join the prayer list in the comments. This will allow us to honor people's privacy while we worship online.*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts

"O Holy Night"

by Adolphe Adam

Carol of Praise

"Angels We have Heard on High" verses 1 & 4

UMH 238

Let the Light In

Have candles ready at home to light and hold as we sing together.

*** Carol**

“Silent Night”

UMH 239

*** Tower Chime**

*May we find our lives bound up in you, Holy One.
May we have the courage and the wisdom to drop our burdens
long enough to bear you in our arms. Amen.*
(From Enuma Okoro’s Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent)

*** Carol of Joy**

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

Benediction

Go in Peace this Christmas and Serve the Lord.
May our Lives be a Witness of the Love of God.

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

setting by David Cherwien

Worship Team

Rev. Stephanie Schlimm, Pastor
Emmy Kubatzke, Director of Children’s, Youth & Media Ministries
Dr. Charles Barland, Organist | Heather Williams, Vocalist
Ann Duchow, Tower Chime and Camera | Paul Clark, Tech