

# Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021, 9:00 PM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.  
All of the carols tonight can be found in the red United Methodist Hymnal.

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| <b>Prelude</b> | <b>Noel Variations on “Votre Bonte, Grand Dieu”</b><br>Mark Frazier, organ                  | Claude Balbastre |
|                | <b>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</b><br>Fran Underwood, handbells; Mark Frazier, piano | Cathy Moglebust  |
|                | <b>To the World, Joy</b><br>Chancel Ringers; Mark Frazier, piano                            | arr. Joel Raney  |

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| <b>*Opening Carol</b> | <b>Angels We Have Heard on High</b><br>verses 1 & 3 | UMH 238 |
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| <b>*Greeting</b> |  | Cheryl Williams |
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Leader: On this holiest of nights,

**People: we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.**

Leader: On this most silent night,

**People: we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

Leader: On this nights of carols and candlelight,

**People: we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.**

Leader: On this most joyous night,

**People: we welcome you, Lord Jesus!**

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| <b>*Carol</b> | <b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b><br>Verses 1, 3 & 6 | UMH 234 |
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| <b>*Advent Candle Lighting</b> |  | Amy Barr & Pam Gibert |
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## **\*Opening Prayer**

Holy God,

you have appeared in the flesh,

bringing redemption to all,

your glory is made known in this newborn child,

this living, blessed hope.

Tonight we sing a new song—

**a song of righteousness, justice and endless peace.  
Gif of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome you!  
Let love be born anew in our hearts on this joyous night. Amen.**

**Welcome** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**Anthem** **Child Jesus** Robert Thygerson  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture** **Luke 2:1-20** Susan Prokop  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** **Come Home for Christmas:  
Welcome Home** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Solo** **O Holy Night** Adolphe Adam  
Nilse Furtado-Gilliam, soloist

**Offering**  
*You are invited to text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website and click "Make your online offering."*

**Prayer of the People** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**\*Sharing the Light of Christ** Tracy  
*Please tip only unlit candles to receive the flame  
from those already lit to prevent hot wax from spilling.*

**\*Carol** **Silent Night, Holy Night** UMH 239  
**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Carol** **Joy to the World** UMH 246

**\*Benediction** Rev. Wines

**Postlude** **In Dulci Jubilo** J. S. Bach