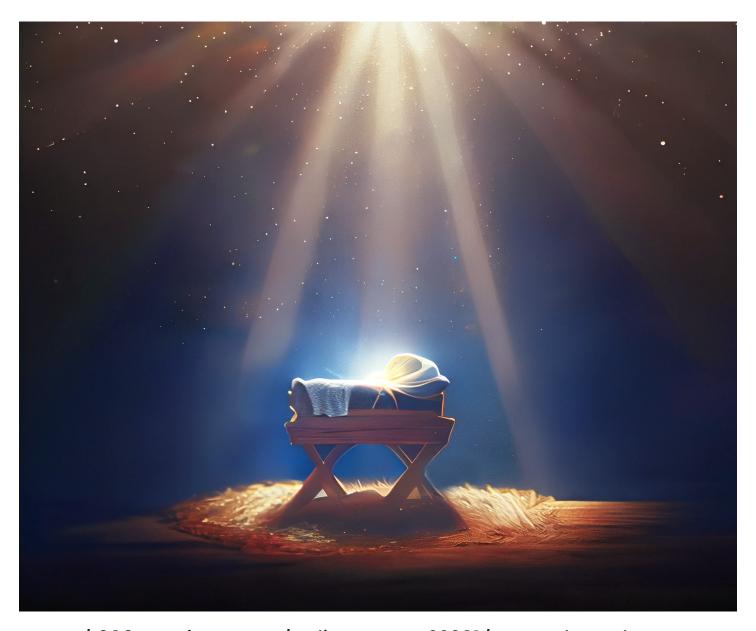
# Christmas Eve

at Clarendon United Methodist Church-



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## **Christmas Eve Family Service**

# December 24, 2022 5:00pm Service of Worship

A warm and sincere welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us on this holy night! We hope that you will find a sense of awe, expectancy, and peace. This service is especially tailored to meet the needs of our families with children!

Prelude Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Mark A. Miller

Youth Choir & Alumni

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Introit Christmas Lullaby Calypso Donnelly/Strid

Youth, Children, and Cherub Choirs

**Hymn** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218

**Reading** (adapted from Luke 1:26-38)

Reader: God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, to the virgin Mary, who

was engaged to Joseph. The angel said:

People: "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Reader: Mary was scared. But the angel said:

People: "Don't be afraid, Mary, God is happy with you. You are going to

have a baby by the Holy Spirit and you are to name him Jesus.

He will be the Son of God."

Reader: Mary answered:

People: "I am God's servant. I will do what he asks."

**Hymn** O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

**Reading** (adapted from Luke 2:1-7)

In those days, Caesar Augustus required every person to be counted. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and went to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown. It was also time for Mary's baby to be born. They went to the hotel to ask the innkeeper for a room.

Anthem Knock, Knock, Knock Traditional
Cherub Choir

### **Reading** (adapted from Luke 2:1-7)

The only place the innkeeper could offer Mary and Joseph to stay was the stable. It was dark and there were animals and hay. That very night, baby Jesus was born. There was no party, no doctor, and no fanfare. Only the beauty of the star of Bethlehem accompanied the birth of God's son. Mary wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger.

Liturgical Dance

Joseph's Lullaby

Millard/Bannister

Children's Choir

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

**UMH 238** 

**Reading** (adapted from Luke 1:26-38)

Reader: Shepherds were in the field watching their sheep. An angel

appeared (\*) and a great light glowed around them. They were

terrified, but the angel said to them:

People: "Don't be afraid! I bring good news of great joy for all people! A

baby has been born today in Bethlehem. He is Christ the Lord!

You will find him wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Reader: Suddenly, many angels appeared (\*) praising God and singing:

People: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all people!"

Reader: When the angels left, the shepherds said to each other:

People: "Let's go to Bethlehem!"

Hymn We Three Kings UMH 254

### **Reading** (adapted from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." King Herod sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go search for the child and let me know where he is so that I, too, may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they followed the star until it stopped over the place where the child was. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Offering Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234

Anthem Night of Silence Dan Kantor

Youth Choir and Alumni arr. John Ferguson

Sharing the Light of Christ Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Please tip only unlit candles to receive the flame from those already lit to prevent hot wax from spilling.

**Hymn** Silent Night (all verses) UMH 239

Please lift your candles on the final verse.

**Benediction** Rev. Wines

Postlude Joy to the World UMH 246

Please join us for Christmas Day worship tomorrow at 10AM.

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# Opportunities to connect in 2023

### **Adult Groups and Bible Studies:**

- Life Groups 6-week studies
- Disciple Bible study Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
- Monday Morning Women's Bible Study
- Monday Evening Women's Bible Study
- Good News Sunday School Class
- Murkey Men Saturday morning men's group
- United Women of Faith
- Social Justice Book Club
- Young Professionals study and social group
- Reconciling Ministries Group

### Youth Groups (grades 6-12)

- Sunday Morning Small Groups
- Youth Choir and Handbell ensembles
- Sunday Evening Impact Youth Group
- Confirmation Class

### Children's Groups (ages 3-5th grade)

- Cherub Class (ages 3-1st grade) Sunday morning
- Children's Church (grades 2-5) Sunday morning
- Children's Choir and Handbell ensembles

### Adult Music/Worship Arts Groups

- Chancel Choir
- Praise Band

- A/V Team
- Handbell Ensembles

### Missions and Outreach

- Helping with Arlington Food Assistance Center
- Tutoring in a local school

- Monthly mission events
- Arlington Bunny Hop Run/Walk
- Christmas Tree Sales

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