

Christmas Eve

at Clarendon United Methodist Church



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Hymn

Away in a Manger

UMH 217

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

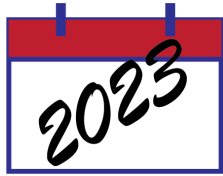
We Three Kings

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.



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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