

# Order of Worship

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

*\* At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

**Prelude**

**Ding Dong! Merrily on High**

arr. Mark Hayes

**O Sanctissima**

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

*O joyful, o blessed, Grace-bringing Christmas time!*

*The world was lost, Christ is born: Rejoice, rejoice, O Christendom!*

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**\*Greeting**

Leader: Come, dear friends, come to Bethlehem!

**People: Come to Bethlehem and celebrate the newborn king.**

Leader: Come and rejoice that God's love is found in human form;

**People: Salvation has come in a tiny child.**

Leader: The Word has become flesh,

**People: and graciously lives with us.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God!**

**\*Hymn**

**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

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**\*Opening Prayer**

**God of manger and star,**

**open us to the depths and heights of your incredible love,**

**made known in the Child of Bethlehem.**

**Let the birth of Jesus spark hope in the midst of despair,**

**burn away all the world's bitterness,**

**and shine light into the dark corners of oppression.**

**May the familiar story we hear today shed new light on our paths**

**and kindle holy love in our hearts;**

**through the child who is Emmanuel, God-with-us,**

**Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Anthem**

**The Wexford Carol**

arr. Victor C. Johnson

Christmas Choir

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**John 1:1-14**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Light Shines Today**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Prayer of the People**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Offering**

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.*

*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website*

*and click "Make your online offering."*

**Communion Solo**

**When Love Was Born**

Mark Schultz

**\*Hymn**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Wines

**Postlude**

**In Dulci Jubilo**

J. S. Bach

Mark Frazier, organ

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**Office Holiday Hours**

So that the church staff may have time to celebrate the season with family, the office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26; Friday, Dec. 30; and Monday, Jan. 2. It will be staffed remotely in a limited way on December 27-29. Email and phone messages will be checked periodically Tuesday - Thursday.