



# Christmas Eve

at Clarendon United Methodist Church



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# Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2024 - 5:00pm

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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! Your little ones are to be seen AND heard at this service! Take a moment to read through your bulletin to be aware of the many moments of participation.

Of particular note are those instructions that are preceded by our little angel: 😊

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**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  
😊 If you have a flower in your bag, **bring it forward** and place it in one of the baskets during this hymn!

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

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  
😊 If you have a light in your bag get it out, and wait for the cue to stand up and hold your light so that Mary and Joseph can find their way to Bethlehem!

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

Evie Worster

☺ Everybody knock on the pew in front of you as the music starts and see if we can get the innkeeper to come out!

**Anthem**

**Knock, Knock, Knock**

Traditional

Cherub Choir

**Hymn**

**Away in a Manger**

UMH 217

☺ If you have a piece of burlap in your bag, **bring it forward** and put it in the manger as we sing!

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

Elijah Gilliam

**Liturgical Dance**

**Joseph's Lullaby**

Millard/Bannister

Children's Choir

**Hymn**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

UMH 238

☺ If you have bells in your bag, **QUIETLY** get them out and read along carefully, watching for the cue (\*) to ring them. HINT: It will happen twice!

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

Taylor Uscinski

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

☺ If you have a wrapped package in your bag, **bring it forward** and place it in the gift box in the front!

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

Korben Worster

**Offering Hymn**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

UMH 234

**Anthem**

**Night of Silence**  
Youth Choir and Alumni

Dan Kantor  
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

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## **The Nativity Actors**

**Mary:** Campbell Petersen  
**Joseph:** Connor Moore  
**Gabriel:** Maggie Moore  
**Innkeeper:** Korben Worster  
**Shepherds:** Colin Petersen, Opal Vincent, Evie Worster  
**Magi:** Elijah Gilliam, James London, Millie Owens  
**Star:** Micah Vincent  
**Sheep:** Lillian Brunk, Sam Zebra

## **The Worship Leaders**

**Director:** Lisa Gibbs-Smith  
**Assistant:** Carolyn Uscinski  
**Pastors:** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines, Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam  
**Organ:** Annelisa Crabtree  
**Piano:** Laura Edelbrock  
**Acolyte:** Opal Vincent