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CONGREGATIONAL UCC

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP**

*DECEMBER 24, 2025*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**Prelude** Touch of Brass, Clare Hanson and Steve Peters

**Processional** *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Welcome** Brandyn Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in deep darkness — on them light has shined.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**People: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And on earth, peace among all whom God loves!**

**\*Opening Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1-3) #132 (Pilgrim - Red)

**\*Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Brandyn Miller

**God of wonder and light,  
You have sent Your Son into the world —  
love wrapped in human skin, peace breathing among us.  
As we tell again the story of Your coming,  
open our hearts to receive the good news with joy.  
Fill this night with Your glory  
and send us forth as bearers of Your love.  
In the name of Christ, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

**Choral Anthem** *In the Bleak Midwinter* Chancel Choir

**Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Lesson 1 – The Promise of a Savior**

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Carol: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1 & 4)

Cliff Highnam  
#110 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Lesson 2 – The Word Was Made Flesh**

John 1:1–5, 14

Carol: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (vs. 1 & 2)

Nancy Mahood  
#111 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Lesson 3 – The Angel Appears to Mary**

Luke 1:26–38

Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1 & 2)

Craig Driver  
#120 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Lesson 4 – Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem**

Luke 2:1–7

Carol: *Away in a Manger*

Special Music: *Christmas Lullaby*

Kay Leary  
#137 (Pilgrim - Red)  
John Mardis

**Lesson 5 – The Shepherds Receive the Good News**

Luke 2:8–20

Carol: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1 -3)

Grace Dineen  
#116 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Lesson 6 – The Magi Worship the Child**

Matthew 2:1–12

Choral Carol: *What Child is This* - Arr. John Leavitt

Molly & Sam Stevenson

**Children’s Message & Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*(Children are invited forward.)*

Carol: *Joy to the World!*

Brandyn Miller  
#130 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Lesson 7 – Sent to Humanity**

John 3:16–17

Pastoral Reflection: *Sent to Humanity*

Carol: *O Little town of Bethlehem* (v. 4)

Eva Sapp  
Brandyn Miller  
#134 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Candlelight Service**

\*Carol: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

#138 (Pilgrim - Red)

**\*Carry the Light of Christ into the World**

\* Please Rise in body or spirit

*Please extinguish your candle before exiting the sanctuary.*

**Join us this Sunday for our Breakfast Table Worship at 10:30am. Bring a breakfast dish to share if you are able. A sign up sheet is available on the information wall by the library.**