



December 24, 2024 | Christmas Eve | 7:00 PM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Still, Still, Still" Franklin Ritter

MUSICAL SHARING "Christmastime is Here" Marcus Lovallo, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The angels are singing a new song!

Glory to the newborn King!

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, for our hopes are fulfilled in the Child of the Manger.

God has given us a new song to sing. Let our voices soar with good tidings.

*OPENING HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240++

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of Eternity, whose rule extends to the farthest stars, come to rule within us on this wondrous night, when the Word becomes flesh once more to dwell among us. We open ourselves to the light and long to offer our lives as a dwelling place for your truth. Speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem. Reach out to the child in all of us, and hold us in the warmth of love's embrace. We gather as your children to say thank you for loving us so much that you gave us the greatest gift of all, the babe in the manger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE	ADVENT WREATH	The Hancock and	d Livingstone Families	
*CAROL	"Joy to the W	orld"	UMH 246++	
BELL CHOIR ANTHE	M "Away in a Manger/	'Still, Still, Still"	Arr. Lloyd Larson	
THE CHRISTMAS STORY				
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE				
SCRIPTURE CAROL	Luke 1:26- "Angels from the Realms [The Angels are placed	of Glory" (verse 1	NT. P.56-57 1) UMH 220	
SCRIPTURE CAROL	Luke 2:1-5 "O Little Town of Bethleh [Mary and Joseph are place	nem" (verse 1)	NT. P.58 UMH 230	
A WORD CAROL	"On the Anim "The Friendly Beasts" (v [The Animals are placed	verses 1 & 2)	UMH 227	
SCRIPTURE CAROL	Luke 2:6-7 "Away in a Manger" [Baby Jesus is placed in	•	NT. P.58 UMH 217	
SCRIPTURE CAROL	Luke 2:8-20 "Angels We Have Heard or [The Shepherds are place	_		
SCRIPTURE CAROL	Matthew 2:1-1 "The First Noel" (vers [The Wise Men are placed	se 3)	NT. P. 2 UMH 245	
ANTHEM	"Ding, Dong! Merrily	on High"	Arr. Howard Cable	
SERMON	"The First Gift of Ch	ristmas"		

MUSICAL SHARING	"O Holy Night"	Steven Bloomer-Teague
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CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Cradle Song" Lani Smith

*DOXOLOGY "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-3) UMH 234++

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Glorious God, we bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread your good news of great joy to all people. Use them to bring peace, justice, and hope to our community and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

ANTHEM "All Through the Night" Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT

*CLOSING HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH 239++

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Silent Night"

++ Indicates someone's favorite hymn



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