*Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246

*Benediction

PostludeHe Is Born Mark Hayes/arr. Marvin Gaspard (You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*Please stand if you are able.

Tonight's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Michelle Wolter

Readers: John Vas, Joel Chermonte, Janis Jarvis, Ed Brewster

Greeters: John and Char Vas, Barb Andrews

Ushers: Judi Wagner, Sarah Jackson

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



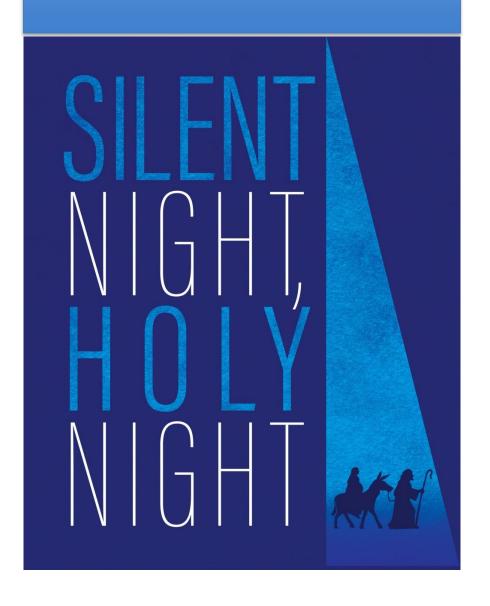
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Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Prelude Manger Lullaby Mark Hayes/arr. Marvin Gaspard

Special Music Silent Night Franz Gruber

Hoyte Wilhelm, Trombone

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle Michelle Wolter

L: To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

P: Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

L: We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kingdom.

*Unison Prayer

We light these candles as signs of hope, peace, joy, love, and Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come! Amen.

Bell Choir	Deck the Halls	arr. Kirtsy Mitchell
*Hymn	O Come, All Ye Faithful	UMH 234
The Birth	Luke 2:1-7	Janis Jarvis
Hymn	Away in a Manger	UMH 217
The Shepherds and	Angels Luke 2:8-14	Ed Brewster
Hymn A	Angels We Have Heard on (vv. 1-3)	High UMH 238
The Shepherds' Add	bration Luke 2:15-20	John Vas
Choir Anthem	Run, Shepherds!	Victor C. Johnson
The Offering Offertory *Doxology *Prayer for the 0	Dear Christian Folk, Be G	Glad J.S. Bach UMH 94
Hymn	O Little Town of Bethleh	em UMH 230
Reflection "Light	of Hope, Peace, Joy and L	ove" Hoyte Wilhelm
Scripture Readings	John 8:12 Matthew 5:14-16	Joel Chermonte
*Hymn Silent I	Night, Holy Night (with car	ndlelight) UMH 239

*Blessing