

**\*Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      *He 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



### **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**

Feeding the Community –  
Body, Mind, and Spirit

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**Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2023, 7:00 pm**

**North Olmsted  
United Methodist Church  
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**SILENT  
NIGHT,  
HOLY  
NIGHT**



## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023 7:00pm

### **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**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      UMH 238  
(vv. 1-3)

**The Shepherds' Adoration**      Luke 2:15-20      John Vas

**Choir Anthem**      *Run, Shepherds!*      Victor C. Johnson

**The Offering**  
**Offertory**      *Dear Christian Folk, Be Glad*      J.S. Bach  
**\*Doxology**      UMH 94

### **\*Prayer for the Offering**

**Hymn**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      UMH 230

**Reflection**      "Light of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"      Hoyte Wilhelm

**Scripture Readings**      John 8:12      Joel Chermonte  
Matthew 5:14-16

**\*Hymn**      *Silent Night, Holy Night* (with candlelight)      UMH 239

### **\*Blessing**