



EVANGEL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Sunday, December 24, 2023
Worship 7:00 p.m.
YouTube: Evangel Heights UMC

Christmas Eve Service

Welcome		Pastor Michelle Cobb
Prelude	Christmastide! Arr. Arnold Sherman	Evangel Ringers
Musical Call to Worship	Angels from the Realms of Glory	All
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Monroe Youth

Congregation: 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 kin-dom.

Opening Prayer The Lord's Prayer (*substitute "sin" for "trespass"*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music We Have Come to Worship Him Festival Choir
Gollner & Slack

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV, pg. 1072) Rosalee Monroe
(please stand if you are able)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High All

Scripture Luke 2:1-14 (NIV, pg. 1590) Benjamin Monroe
(please stand if you are able)

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Hymn	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	All
Meditation	Our Wondrous Light	Pastor Michelle Cobb
Special Music	Wonderful! Arr. K. Monroe	Clear Family and Festival Choir
Giving of our First Fruits		
Offertory	He is Born Arr. C. Dobinski	Evangel Ringers
Doxology	<p><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.</i></p>	
Hymn	Hark the Herald Angels Sing	All
Lighting of the Candles	Silent Night	All
Blessing		Pastor Michelle Cobb
Postlude	Joy to the World	

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220, vs.1-2

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us in now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

(Refrain)

See him in the manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

(Refrain)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

UMH 229

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240, vs.1-3

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Silent Night

UMH 239

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the savior is born!

Thank you to those who contributed poinsettias for the Sanctuary:

David & Bobbie Anderson	In memory of our family members
Pam Bliley	In memory of John, Dan, and parents
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