



**EVANGEL HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Christmas Eve Service



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December 24, 2020
Worship 7:00 P.M.
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Introit: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (arr. Anne Krentz Organ)

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood

will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Lighting of the Candles

Song: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Prayers of the People

Reflection: Still, Still, Still (arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold)

Luke 2:1-5

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Song: Christmas Lullaby (Jason Robert Brown)

Katy Monroe, soloist

Luke 2:6-14

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Special Music: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (arr. Tom Fettke)

Clear Family Singers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving Thanks: Our Tithes and Offerings

Reflection: He is Born (arr. Mark Albrecht)

Christmas Meditation: Pastor Michelle Cobb

Special Music: Gloria (arr. Tom Fettke)

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Reflection and Hymn: Silent Night (arr. Aaron David Miller)

Closing Prayer

Hymn: Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

Postlude: Brightest and Best (Shawn Kirchner)

Violinist: Travon DeLeon

