

Burnt Hills United Methodist Church Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm

Prelude *The Friendly Beasts* Trad. French melody

Words of Welcome and Gathering

Pastor Amy Gregory

Unison Prayer

Come away, come away, come tonight to Bethlehem.

Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.

Come away, come away from your noisy celebrations to a place of quietness and peace.

Come with wonder, come with awe. Take your place among cattle and sheep.

Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise has come. Sing the good news of Emmanuel: God-with-us! The Christ has come!

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Entry of the Christ Candle *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* – Meg Farrell, Jill Zygo

The Christmas Story

adapted from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew

Gabriel's Message to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Mary Did You Know? by Lowry and Greene -Meg Farrell, Libby Horn,
Harmon Tunison, Jill Zygo

An Angel Visits Joseph (Matthew 1:18-24)

Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-5)

Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant – soloist: Peyton Felix

***Carol:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 1) UM Hymnal #230

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6-7)

Watcha Gonna Call That Baby? by Phyllis Wolfe-White - Youth Choir

Joseph's Lullaby by Millard and Bannister - soloist: Patrick Nyhan

* You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

Shepherds Hear the Good News (Luke 2:8-14)

While Shepherd's Watched Their Flocks by Night by A. Peterson
J. Michael Zygo and Brendan Fox

Shepherds Go to Bethlehem (Luke 2:15)

***Carol:** *The First Noel* (v. 1,2 & 4) UMH #245

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam - J. Michael Zygo

Shepherds Find Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus (Luke 2:16-20)

Wise Men Honor the Baby with Gifts (Matthew 2: 1-2, 9)

We Three Kings – soloists: Amelia Berry, Brendan Fox, Peter Farrell

***Carol:** *O Come All Ye Faithful* (verses 1,3) UMH #234

Mary's Response (Luke 2:18-19)

A Great Light (Isaiah 9:2)

Sharing the Light of Christ: As we sing *Silent Night*, sanctuary lights will dim. As the flame is passed symbolizing God's Perfect Light, please light your candle by **dipping the unlit candle** into the flame.

Carol *Silent Night* UM Hymnal #239 (v. 1-3) - led by J. Michael Zygo on guitar

***Benediction**

Pastor Brendan J. Fox

***Carol** *Joy to the World* UM Hymnal #246 (verses 1-3)

Postlude *He Is Born (Il Est Ne)* Trad. French melody

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Christmas Offering donation baskets are available as you leave. Thank you for your generosity helping neighbors.

PageantCast

With gratitude to the following participants:

Amelia Berry	Peter Farrell	Brooke Felix
Peyton Felix	Brendan Fox	Amelia St. Gelais
Eliza St. Gelais	Quinn St. Gelais	Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais
Meg Farrell	Libby Horn	Kendall Milsapp
Ella Mortensen	Patrick Nyhan	Mikayla Ormsby
Mike Thomas	Pat Thomas	Austin Tope
Bailey Tope	Harmon Tunison	Katharine Weis
Lydia Weis	J. Michael Zygo	Maizy Zygo

Director: Jillian Zygo

Pianist: Peter Van Keuren

Sound and Projection Engineer: Charles Hartmann

Production Assistants: Nancy Down, Mary Jo Farrell, Mary Alice Nyhan,
Jen Peterson

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering helps neighbors near and far. Our church keeps none of your gifts received from this offering.

We will again support **Schenectady Community Ministries**, serving social service and social justice needs.

A portion of UMC Conference Ministries Share will be paid to **fund outreach programs**.

We also support **RISSE**, a family-based center in Albany that helps refugees and recent immigrants with finding housing and jobs and offers English classes.

A donation is made to local **food pantries** in Schenectady, Ballston Spa and Rensselaer.

You may **drop your donation in one of the baskets in the narthex** (entry) or visit our church website at: nybhumc.com/online-giving.html. There is a dropdown box for the Christmas Offering. **Thank you for your generous offering for people in need.**

Merry Christmas!