

Prelude Christmas Medley Peter VanKeuren

Words of Welcome and Gathering Pastor Amy Gregory

The Christmas Offering

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Offertory *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* – by Sears and Willis
Pianist: Peyton Felix Soloist: Sydney Gillan

Unison Prayer

Gracious Lord, the God of our Christmas celebration. Tonight we once again remember the story of a night so long ago. We remember the weary travelers, so far from home, who sought refuge in a stable. We rejoice with the shepherds over the good news of Jesus' birth. We join in the praises of the angelic choir, saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on all the earth.

Almighty God, you have favored us with the greatest gift ever given-- your Son. May we never take this gift for granted; may our songs of praise never fade; and may we treasure it in our hearts always and forever.

Bless all of us gathered tonight and your people everywhere, as we celebrate that story. May peace and joy ring in our hearts and reverberate through our communities tonight in the name of Jesus the new-born King. Amen.

Entry Processional *Waiting for the Light* by Ruth Elaine Schram

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 Sydney Gillan

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: Brooke Felix

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

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6-7)
Emmanuel, God's Precious Gift of Love by Cindy Berry Youth Choir
Away in a Manger Jenny Bassett and Eliza DeMarco

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) UM Hymnal #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, Michael Thomas, Peter Farrell
***Carol:** *O Come All Ye Faithful* (verses 1,3) UM Hymnal #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* (verses 1-3) UM Hymnal #239
Led by J. Michael Zygo on guitar
***Benediction** Pastor Brendan J. Fox
***Carol** *Joy to the World* (verses 1-3) UM Hymnal #246

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

Pageant Cast

With gratitude to the following participants:

Jenny Bassett	Amelia Berry	Eliza DeMarco
Aiden DeSilva	Ari DeSilva	Brody DeSilva
Brynn DeSilva	James Ellenberger	Meg Farrell
Paivi Farrell	Peter Farrell	Brooke Felix
Peyton Felix	Brendan Fox	Amelia St. Gelais
Eliza St. Gelais	Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais	Quinn St. Gelais
Sydney Gillan	Libby Horn	Carolyn Huston
Ella Mortensen	Josephina Roeske	Mike Thomas
Pat Thomas	Austin Tope	Bailee 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

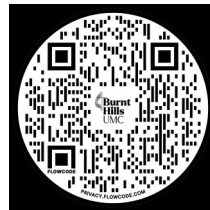
Production Assistants: Nancy Down, Mary Jo Farrell, Mary Alice Nyhan, Jen Peterson

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering helps neighbors near and far. Our church keeps none of your gifts received from this offering. This year we will again support:

Schenectady Community Ministries
RISSE (Support for Refugees and Immigrants)
Captain, CHS (Community Human Services) and food pantries of SICM/Schenectady Inner City Ministry
Chocacente Scholars (Managua, Nicaragua)
Lifeworks in Ballston Spa and Rensselaer UMC
The Guardian House Future Playground Fund

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