

Burnt Hills United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve 2024 at 7:00 PM

Prelude *The Wexford Carol (Good Christians All, This Christmas Time)* Trad. Irish
Of Thy Father's Love Begotten 11th cent. Sanctus trope
The Sussex Carol (On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing) Trad. English
Some Children See Him Alfred Burt

Peter Van Keuren

Words of Welcome and Gathering

Pastor Amy Gregory

The Christmas Offering

Please put gifts in the "Christmas Special Offering" envelopes to help neighbors near and far who are in need. Gifts to the ministry of BHUMC may be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory *Do You Hear What I Hear?* by Shayne and Regney Peyton Felix

Unison Prayer Pastor Ian Carlos Urriola

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.

The Christmas Story
adapted from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew

Processional *Waiting for the Light* by Ruth Elaine Schram

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

Mary Did You Know? by Lowry and Greene Ian Urriola

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, Paivi Farrell

***Carol:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verse 1)

UM Hymnal #230

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

Christmas Cradlesong by Terry D. Taylor

Youth Choir

Away in a Manger

Josh and Joel Aiken

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

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night by A. Peterson

J. Michael Zygo and Chris Nyhan

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: Peter Farrell, Emmett Farrell, Savannah Santiago

***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 Everlasting 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 Ian Carlos Urriola

***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:

Joel Aiken	Josh Aiken	
Amelia Berry	Emmett Farrell	Paivi Farrell
Peter Farrell	Brooke Felix	Peyton Felix
Amelia St. Gelais	Eliza St. Gelais	Quinn St. Gelais
Chris Nyhan	Patrick Nyhan	Leigha Santiago
Savannah Santiago	Mike Thomas	Pat Thomas
Austin Tope	Bailee Tope	Lydia Weis
Maizy Zygo	J. Michael Zygo	

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Sound and Projection Engineer: Charles Hartmann

Production Assistants: Nancy Down, Mary Jo Farrell, Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais, Liam Daugherty

BHUMC Welcome Statement

At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.

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