

# *A Christmas Eve Celebration with Lessons and Carols at 9:00 pm*

## *December 24, 2022*

**Prelude**      *Some Children See Him*      Hutson/Burt

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Sing!*      Farrell  
**Christ, Be Our Light!**  
**Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness**  
**Christ be our light!**  
**Shine in your church gathered today**

**Words of Welcome**      Pastor Amy

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 sheep and cattle.**  
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!  
**Come away, come away, come tonight to Bethlehem.**

**\*Carol**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1, 3, 6*      UM Hymnal #234

***The Story***      Isaiah 11:1–9      Scott Bryson  
The promise: a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

**Anthem**      *The Journey*      Hodge/Larson

**Carol**      *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear vs. 1, 2, 4*      UM Hymnal #218

***The Story***      Luke 1:26–38      Pat/Mike Thomas  
A messenger brings God's promise to a young woman named Mary.

**Anthem**      *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*      Sleeth

***The Story***      Luke 2:1-7      Cathy Bryson

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

**\*Carol**      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing vs. 1-3*      UM Hymnal #240

### **The Christmas Offering**

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**Offertory**      *The Friendly Beasts*      Medieval French melody

**\*Doxology**      (To the tune of *Away in a Manger*)      UM Hymnal #217

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

***The Story***      Luke 2:8–20      Orion Marchese  
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

**Anthem**      *Lullaby for the Christ Child*      Ailor/Trad. Austrian Carol

**Carol**      *Angels We Have Heard on High vs. 1, 3*      UM Hymnal #238

***The Story***      Matthew 2:1–12      Libby Horn  
Sages from the east follow a star to find the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

**Carol**      *The First Noel, vs. 1, 2*      UM Hymnal #245

***The Story***      John 1:1–8, 14      Bill Phillips  
The great mystery of the Incarnation.

