

**THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**December 24, 2023**  
**7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**

**PRELUDE:** *selections*

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**Susan Gates (flute)**

**Choir: “With Open Hearts”**

**WELCOME AND PRAYER: Pastor Wade**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather together to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

**People: We come to remember when God visited the earth in the form of a child.**

Leader: And we meet to worship the Lord and to celebrate the new life He offers us.

**People: Lord Jesus, as sure as you entered our world as a child so many years ago, we invite you into our hearts to live in us.**

Leader: To live through us.

**All: Emmanuel.....GOD WITH US**

**\*Hymn # 173 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”** CCLI Song #31054, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**Choir: “The Coming of the Lord”**

**Choir: “Angels are Making Their Rounds”**

**Choir: “From the Heart of God” with hymn #147 verses 1 and 3**

**Choir: “The Shepherds’ Song”**

**\*Hymn # 146 “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”**  
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**Choir: “Christ is Born, Nowell” (congregation joining when directed)**

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!**

**Hail the Son of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings,**

**Ris’n with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by,**

**Born that man no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth**

**Born to give them second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,**

**“Glory to the new born King.”**

**\*Hymn # 152 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

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**Communion**

**Candle lighting with “Silent Night” (Words are printed on back of bulletin)**

*\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

(Narrators: David Russell and Steve Smythe)

*Please return your candle to the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.*

*Thank you! Blessed Christmas!!*

*You may take your poinsettia home tonight, following the service.*



# **Silent Night! Holy Night!**

**Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**