

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve, 7 pm

PRELUDE: *“Chorale Prelude on ‘Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen’” by Johannes Brahms*
“Prelude on the Sussex Carol” by Russel Shulz-Widmar

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “O Come Let Us Adore Him” The United Church Choir

WELCOME AND GREETING

***OPENING PRAYER:** Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***HYMN: #173 “O Come All Ye Faithful”** (vs. 1, 3, 4)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

“Breath of Heaven” by Amy Grant

“How Can it Be” by M. Card

***HYMN: #152 “Angels We Have Heard”**

“The Birthday of a King” by W.H. Neidlinger

“Our Hope is in This Child”

Narrator: Paul Johnson

Angel: David Russell

Mary: Emma Marshall

Joseph: Earl Pettit

Shepherds: Tim Laursen, Mark Sheppard, Dan Frye

The United Church Choir

***HYMN: #155 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

COMMUNION

PREPARATION FOR LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***HYMN: “Silent Night! Holy Night!”** (Words on back)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Postlude on ‘Mendelssohn’” David Willcocks*

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

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,
or tomorrow after the 11 am 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.**