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### COVID-19 Protocol Update

In an abundance of caution, we continue to recommend using masks when in crowds and when working directly with unvaccinated children and youth. Let's continue to show neighborly love and patience as we do all we can to welcome and protect the most vulnerable.



*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**December 24, 2021  
7:00 pm  
Traditional Service**

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## Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Terri Boykin

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

**Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

Our souls sing out God's praise!

**God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.**

Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

**And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. AMEN.**

\*Hymn UMH #238 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

\*Opening Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth, we confess that we have lived far too long in dark places of our own making. Forgive us for the way we have walled ourselves in, shut the world out, and held ourselves captive to our fear and failings. Free us from this place, Lord. Give us the strength to run again with shepherds to the mystery and miracle of your manger tonight. May your Child of healing and Child of hope take the things that hurt us most and redeem us with your light and love. We wait in eager anticipation for the glory of your salvation this night. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice and be glad: Your burdens are lifted; your captivity is ended! The Lord's great light pierces the darkness, breaching the walls of our prisons, revealing the way of true freedom. Light, love, and salvation have come to us this night. Christ is born, and with Christ, we are born anew! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

\*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us now show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (*Wave to one another and remain in seats*)

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 Mark Munger

Christmas Bidding Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Center) Chadwick Family  
We light this final candle tonight, the Christ Candle, remembering that Christ is the Light that has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it. May God's light shine in our hearts anew as we become children of the light who walk in the ways that lead to life.

Special Music "Welcome to Our World" Pastor Kevin,  
Layne Harpine, Kristen Viszneki

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon "Welcome to Our World" Pastor Kevin

Invitation

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

*Tonight's offering will go to the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) to help with the tornado recovery effort in Kentucky.*

Offertory "The First Noel"

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Great Thanksgiving with Christmas Carols

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer after the Meal

Candle Lighting Liturgy

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

**In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

\*Hymn UMH #239 "Silent Night" Molly Fahy

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude Terri Boykin

\*Please stand if you are able

**\*\* Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat.**