

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2023, 4:30 & 7PM

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

***HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH # 12

(Gluten free communion is available upon request)

Offerings left at the altar will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

OFFERTORY *Toccatta in F* Pachelbel

***THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

***HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #218** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (4:30pm) Heather Connor

ANTHEM (7:00 PM) *Christ is Born This Holy Night* Lloyd Larson

***A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 2:1-20 page 54

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

WITNESS TO THE WORD: "Good News of Great Joy" Rev. Mack McDowell

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The passing of Christ's light is a special tradition for Christmas Eve. As you share your candle with another, you may say to your neighbor, "This is the light of Christ." As we sing the fourth stanza of our hymn, raise your candle to heaven. At the conclusion of the hymn, extinguish your candle-light, but not the light within your heart.

HYMN #239 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***Please stand as you are able.**

Please exercise caution when lighting the candles. The person receiving the light should be tilting their candle, not the person giving the light. Please be cognizant of overhanging hair and clothing.