

**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2024, 4:30 & 7PM**

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “Veni, Veni Emmanuel” Gail Liardon

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Titus 2:11-1

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “From the Manger” Meisenheimer/Hamilton
all verses – see insert

OFFERTORY: 4:30 “Away in a Manger” James R. Murray
7:00 “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” arr. Kirk Whalum
Chris Bussell, saxophone

***THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (4:30) Heather Connor

ANTHEM “O Holy Night with Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” A. Adam and J.S. Bach
4:30 Bonnie Pruitt, soloist arr. Keith Christopher
7:00 LUMC Chancel Choir

***A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 2:1-14 page 54 N.T.

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

WITNESS TO THE WORD

4:30 “Good News Has Come” Rev. Meegian Gossard

7:00 “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 candlelight, but not the light within your heart.

HYMN UMH#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.