

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** (Titus 2:11-14)

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #217** “Away in a Manger”

**OFFERTORY** “I Wonder as I Wander” arr. Daniel Kelly  
Chis Bussell, saxophone; Ken Pruitt, cello

**\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Laura Henrickson

**ANTHEM** “Carol of the Winter Wind” Robert Lowry,  
LUMC Chancel Choir arr. Joseph M. Martin

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD** “Treasuring the Word” Rev. Mack McDowell

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** **UMH #12**

**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 #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.