

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
4:30PM  
DECEMBER 24, 2025

\*SONG OF PRAISE “Little Drummer Boy”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Meegian Gossard  
Please sign the attendance register at your table.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Mack McDowell

Leader: Tonight, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah:  
*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

All: We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

Leader: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
Please greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

\*SONG OF PRAISE & OFFERING “O Come All Ye Faithful”  
During this song, you are invited to bring your offering forward and place it in one of the baskets next to the altar.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG OF PRAISE “Messiah”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Laura Henrickson

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20 CEB

SERMON “This Is a Sign For You” Rev. Meegian Gossard

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\*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.” After the benediction, extinguish your candle, but not the light of Christ that’s within your heart.

\*SONG OF PRAISE “Silent Night”

\*BENEDICTION

\*Please stand as you are able.

Be advised that this service is livestreamed.