

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

(An “*” indicates when to stand in body or in Spirit.)

OPENING MUSIC

“Gesu Bambino”
by Pietro A. Yon, arr. by Stephen DeCesare

Gary Halker, Trumpet
Bryce Russell, Piano

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE

“Little Drummer Boy” CCLI # 172614
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #234

Liz Sabicer
Scott Woodbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice, **All Voices**)

Tonight, heaven breaks into earth with good news.
Glory to God in the highest!
Tonight, light shines in the darkness.
Joy fills the air, and peace is proclaimed.
Tonight, there is room for all, for the weary and the waiting, for the joyful and the seeking.
Come, Emmanuel, God with us!

Laura Rothhaar

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Children are invited to join pastor on the steps

*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

“Joy to the World”

#246

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT & CHRIST CANDLES

Llamas Martinez Family

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR

“Mary Did You Know” by Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

“Away in a Manger”

#217

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Sanctuary: Room for All
“Making Room”

Rev. Melissa Rusler

*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#240

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music “Ukrainian Bell Carol ” by Mykola Leontovych, arr. by Dan Coates

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Song Book

= The United Methodist Hymnal

*Singing Our Praise “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Tune: What Child Is This
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.**
*OFFERING PRAYER (In Unison)
**Holy God, bless these gifts of love. May they shine with Christ’s light, bringing
comfort and joy to all who are in need. Let them build sanctuaries of peace
where there is fear, and kindle joy where hearts feel weary. It is in the name of
the One who is the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night” CCLI 32015

Ken Hedrick

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Melissa Rusler

THE LIGHT THAT OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS

The lighted candle represents Jesus, the light of the world. Please remain seated as the Christ light is passed among us and we sing together “Silent Night,” until the darkness is removed.

“Silent Night”

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, Holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

“Angels We Have Heard on High/Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
arr. by Jeffrey Bennet

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS! ~
Please remember to take your poinsettia home with you (make sure you take a live plant)



Murrieta United Methodist Church

Our Vision: To build a community where ALL are welcome to grow in faith in Jesus through study, worship, prayer, and an invitation to serve God, our neighbor, and beyond.

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Worship 10:00 AM
Sanctuary
Sunday School Pre K-5th Grade 10:15 AM
Fellowship Hall
Sunday School Youth 10:15 AM
Youth Room
Sunday Study and Discussion Group 11:30 AM
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