CONGREGATIONAL SINGING "O Come All Ye Faithful" #234 (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6) CHILDRENS MOMENTS SCRIPTURE LESSONS AND CAROLS The Prophecy of the Messiah Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, John 1:1-2, 4-5 The Coming of Jesus is Announced to Mary and Joseph Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216 Verse 1: Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. The Preparations for the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-5 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" CONGREGATIONAL SINGING #230 Verse 1: O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. Jesus is Born Luke 2:6-7 "Away in A Manger" CONGREGATIONAL SINGING #217 Verse 1: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head. The stars in the sky look down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds Luke 2:8-14 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229 Verse 2: Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus Luke 2:15-18 The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus Matthew 2:1-11 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING "The First Noel" #245 Verse 3: And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from county far.

Verse 5: Then entered in the wise men three, full reverently upon the knee. And offered there in His presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

"Ukrainian Bell Carol" by Mykola Leontovych, arr. by Dan Coates Gift of Music To the tune of "What Child It This" *Singing Our Praise

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.

*Prayer of Thanksqiving (In **Unison**)

Bless these gifts, Holy God, that they may become signs of love and joy during this holy Christmas season. In the name of Jesus our savior we pray. Amen

*SONG OF DEDICATION "There's a Song in the Air" #249 *BLESSING *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Jov to the World" #246 (Verse 1)

"Wexford Carol" Traditional Irish, by Bryce Russell

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To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.

Next Week at MUMC:

Rev. Melissa Rusler

Filled With Joy

Matthew 2:1-12

10:00 AM January 4, 2025

Epiphany Sunday



| <u>Prayer requests/Comments:</u> |
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PUTTING AWAY OUR TREASURES

What goes up, must come down! We will need all of your help to to take down Christmas decorations in the sanctuary **TODAY** immediately following the service. Please join us to take down all our decorations and pack these treasures away until next Advent.

DISCIPLE NEW TESTAMENT CLASS

New Testament class will be starting January 15th and will meet for 12 weeks on Thursday morning at 10:30 AM, in person in the Fellowship Hall.

Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings. Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or call the church office if you would like to attend. The church will have workbooks available prior to the start of class.



First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

OPENING MUSIC "Deck the Halls" arr. by Dan Coates Bryce Russell

"Joy to the world! Christ has come and Christmas is here! Let all of creation sing praise to our God!"

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Raise A Hallelujah" CCLI #7119315

"Raise A Hallelujah" CCLI #7119315 Liz Sabicer
"Great Are You Lord" CCLI #6460220 Scott Woodbury

OPENING PRAYER (All Voices)

Rev. Thelma King

Gracious God,

With joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people.

We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth.

In the excitement of this morning, quiet our hearts

that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time.

Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world.

Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors."

This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice, All Voices)

Christ is born.

Praise the Lord!

God has come to claim and teach us as God's own children.

Praise the Lord!

God's love has given us this glorious gift.

Praise the Lord!