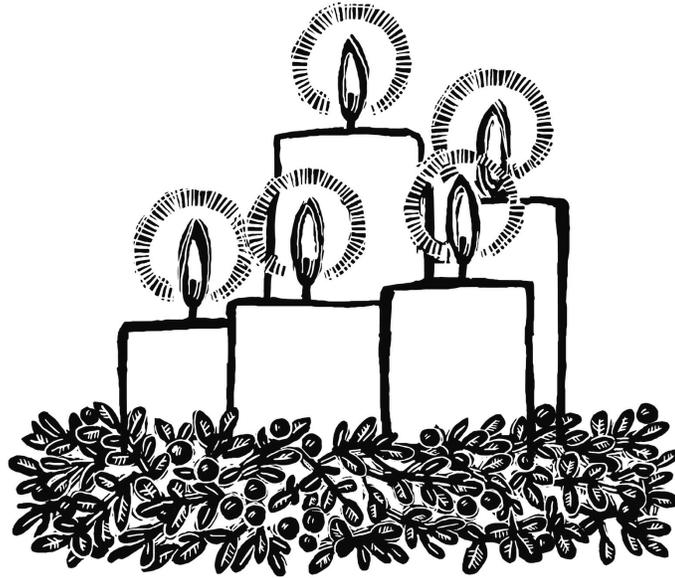


*Main Street United Methodist Church*  
*December 24, 2025*  
*7:00pm*



# CHRISTMAS EVE

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**You are invited to join us for our regular worship services**

**SUNDAYS:** 8:30am Traditional service in the Sanctuary  
8:45am Jubilee! Contemporary service in the Chapel  
10:55am Traditional service in the Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAYS** (September-May): 5:00pm Oasis service in the Sanctuary

# Christmas Eve 2025

## 7:00pm

### PRELUDE (6:45pm)

*Music for Organ, Harp and Cello*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* **HYMN** UMH No. 234      *O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1-3)*      ADESTE FIDELES

\* **WELCOME**      Sarah McIntosh

\* **CHRISTMAS PRAYER** (unison)      Sarah McIntosh

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sarah McIntosh and Lanny Lancaster

Reading from Isaiah 9: 6-7

**Congregational Response: 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.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Mark Key

\* **HYMN** UMH No. 246      *Joy to the World*      ANTIOCH

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

### ANTHEM

*O Holy Night*

Jay Rouse

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 1: 1-14

Al Ward

### CHRISTMAS HOMILY

“The Word Became Flesh”

Lanny Lancaster

\* **HYMN** UMH No. 218      *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*      CAROL

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Mark Key

Offertory Anthem

*Angels' Carol*

John Rutter

***So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
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 THANKSGIVING**

Mark Key

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** UMH No. 7

Al Ward, Mark Key, Sarah McIntosh, Lanny Lancaster

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Musical Setting)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor ... we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

(To the tune of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored:  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain, All the glory of your name!  
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now drawn nigh.  
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:  
Hail, hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you!***

Pastor ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(To the tune of *Angels from the Realms of Glory* - refrain only)

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, And our Christ will come again.***

Pastor ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER** (to the tune of *Away in a Manger*)

***Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name! Your kingdom among us, your will done the same  
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone: Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high  
throne.***

***The bread that we yearn for provide us each day: As we forgive others, our sins take away;  
In time of temptation, to lead us be near; From evil deliver your children most dear.***

***For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign. And yours is the power; all things you  
maintain.***

***To you be the glory, resounding again, From all of creation, forever! Amen!***

**THE SHARING OF THE MEAL**

Music for Meditation, Jill Gardner

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Al Ward

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in  
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## A SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Pastors' candles will be lit from the Christ candle. The ushers will light their candles from the pastors' candles and move down the aisles. The worshipper nearest the aisle will receive the light and, in turn, give the light to the one by her/his side. Tip the unlit candle to receive light from the lighted candle. Please give special care not to drip wax on the carpet or the pew.*

\* **HYMN** UMH No. 239 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

\* **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Lanny Lancaster

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE** UMH No. 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful, v.6* ADESTE FIDELES  
***Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

\* **POSTLUDE** *VI Finale from Partita on Adeste Fideles* Charles Callahan  
*The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.*

\* Please stand as you are able.  
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

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### Leading Worship Tonight:

Rev. Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Al Ward, Minister of Visitation  
Rev. Mark Key, Retired UM Minister

### Communion Assistants:

Betsy Dagenhart  
Darrell Davis  
Phyllis Davis  
Janet Lancaster  
Susan Lapping

### Musicians:

Christina Kim, cello  
Bethany Lancaster, harp  
Richard Blakemore, trumpet  
Main Street Adult Chancel Choir  
Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

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