

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Pastor Jim Cope and Pastor Jan Garinger



The Gathering

Christmas Eve Prelude

Ringing of the Church Tower Bell

Welcome

Sung Response

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye.
There are messages of Hope coming from a choir on high.
But don't just look up;
For the way God works
Is to plant more hope right here on earth
just like it was with Jesus' birth.

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Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Prayer of Christ's Presence with Us

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. In all His life Jesus manifested the peace, love, and justice of God; His call and His promises are as clear to us as it was to His disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. May the light of Your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, and God in us. Amen

*Opening Carol

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

#102 (RED)

A Service of Lessons and Carols

The Prophecy
Hymn

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#89 (RED)

The Angels Message
Hymn

Luke 1:26-38
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#107 (RED)

The Birth of Jesus
Hymn

Luke 2:1-7
"Away in a Manger"

#109 (RED)

The Shephard's Journey
Hymn

Luke 2:8-20
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#105 (RED)

Jesus Receives His Name
Hymn

Luke 2:21-35
"Joy to the World"

#120 (RED)

Offertory Invitation

Offering

*Offertory Response

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#88 (RED)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication

There are so many things to be thankful for tonight, God.
Receive these tokens of our gratitude for Your love incarnate
in the babe of Bethlehem. May they become God-with-us for all the world.
May they breathe new life back into a world that needs a sense of wonder
and joy. Amen

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to God.**

Leader: Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **How good it is to give thanks and praise!**

Communion Prayer

Communion Hymn To the tune of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" #102 (RED)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might adored,
with the glory of your light.

Loud hosannas now we sing!

In the highest may they ring!

Blessed is the coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed!

