

Candlelighting & Sending Forth

***CANDLE LIGHTING** *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (vs. 1 & 4) #239

*(Please raise your candle together during the last verse. **You may extinguish your candle following the benediction.** There will be an usher stationed at the exit to receive your candle from you as you leave the sanctuary.)*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Chang H. Yi

*Leader: May the joy of the angels, the peace of the Christ child,
and the blessings of God Almighty, Be with us this Christmas.*

People: And remain with us always.

*Leader: As we leave this sacred space, let us carry the light of Christ
in our hearts, spreading His love and joy to all.*

People: May our lives reflect the hope and salvation of Jesus Christ.

Together: Christ is born. He is with us. Amen!

***DISMISSAL** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (vs.1, 2, & 4) #238

***PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace and witness for
Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart. God has a word for you today!*

THOSE WHO PREPARED THIS SERVICE...

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Entrance & Greeting

PRELUDE Kellie Burgess & Marge Myrold
"Noel" by Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

ENTRANCE OF THE INCARNATED JESUS
Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus Alice Lee & Collin Loiland

GREETING & MESSAGE Rev. Chang H. Yi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the heavens celebrate!
People: Let the earth rejoice!
Leader: Let the seas roar with praise!
People: Let the trees shout with joy!
Leader: Christ is born!
People: Glory to God in the highest heavens
and peace to all on earth!

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1 & 3) #234

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Father, as we gather to celebrate the birth of Your Son this Christmas Eve, illuminate our hearts with the light of Your love. In the simplicity of this holy night, open our understanding to the joy and peace of Your presence. Guide us through Your Word, instilling in us the spirit of Christmas—peace, hope, love, and goodwill for all. May the story of Jesus' birth inspire us to spread Your light in our lives and to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

FIRST LESSON Micah 5:2 & Luke 2:1-7 Deb Glennen

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 4) #230

CHORAL ANTHEM "Where Will We See Him?" by Price & Besig

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:3-15 John Shabb

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1 & 2) #220

CHORAL ANTHEM "Pachelbel Noel" by Heather Sorenson

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THIRD LESSON Isaiah 40:1-5 Connie Sherwood

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs. 1 & 4) #221

SPECIAL MUSIC Cole Sherwood
"O Holy Night" by Dwight & Adams

A Time to Give Thanks

OFFERING Rev. Chang H. Yi
(Tonight's offering will be sent to the **Global Friends Coalition in Grand Forks, ND.**
For more details, please refer to the program insert.)

OFFERTORY Kellie Burgess & Marge Myrold
"All Is Well" by Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we gather on this blessed Christmas Eve, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and joy. In the spirit of this holy night, we lift our offerings to You, a humble expression of our thankfulness for Your greatest gift to us, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless these offerings, O God. May they bring comfort to those in need, light to those in darkness, and joy to those who are searching for meaning. And may the hope born in a manger long ago continue to inspire and guide us each day. Amen.

FOURTH LESSON John 1:1-5, 10-14 Wayne Seames

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 3) #240

CHORAL ANTHEM "Some Golden Carriage" by Gilbert Martin

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Cathy Perry

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1 & 3) #218

CHORAL ANTHEM "Christmas Isn't Christmas (till it happens in your heart)"
by Jimmy & Carol Owens

PASTORAL PRAYER