

# ~ Welcome ~

December 24, 2022

10:30am

Christmas Eve

## WE GATHER

Prelude "Coventry Carol with Away In A Manger"

*Arr. By: Cindy Berry*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Greeting

## WE PRAISE

\*Opening Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH No. 234

Lighting of Advent Wreath Lahoski Family

*Light the Christmas Candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.*

*Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

\*Call to Worship

*Pastor: A child has been born for us, whose name is called:*

*Wonderful Counselor*

**People: Good Shepherd, Deliverer, Lamb of God, The Word;**

*Pastor: Mighty God*

**People: First and Last, Author of Life, Morning Star, The Light;**

*Pastor: Everlasting Father*

**People: Bread of Life, Resurrection and Life, Light of the World, The Vine;**

*Pastor: Prince of Peace*

**People: Chief Cornerstone, Lord of lords, King of kings, The Way.**

*Pastor: He is Immanuel. God with us!*

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy God, in days of old you sent your angels to tell shepherds the good news: "To you is born this day a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord." Help us hear with the shepherds this good news, that we too may glorify and praise you for all that we have seen and heard. Amen.**

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH No. 230

## Word and Response

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Dave Piehl

Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 638

Luke 2:1-20 p. 945

Message "The Gifts of Christmas" Pastor Jane Piehl

Special Music "Who Would Send A Baby?" Christmas Choir

*By: Mary K. Beall*

## Thanksgiving and Communion

Sharing in the Lord's Supper UMH No. 12

Offering "What Child Is This?"

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Music Interlude "O Holy Night" Millie Frambaugh

\*Passing of the Light

"Silent Night" Cello Solo by: Joe Salsbury followed by singing of hymn by all.

\*Hymn "Silent Night" UMH No. 239

## SENDING FORTH

Responsive Dismissal

*Pastor: Go, singing a song to the God of our salvation. Sing of mighty deeds and glory. Join the heavenly chorus and sing.*

**People: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace."**

*Pastor: Sing of God's salvation from day to day.*

**People: Jesus Christ is born today!**

\*Closing Hymn                    “Joy to the World”                    UMH No. 246  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude                            “Gesu Bambino”  
    *By: Pietro A Yon*

*As we pass the light, the lights will dim. Please hold candle upward and allow the person next to you to light their candle from yours.*

\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl Millie Frambaugh Lahoski's	Pastor Music Director Acolytes
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### Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

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