

SUNG PRAISE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94 Yaroslav Daniels

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY Rev. Hood
Tonight, we share the light of Christ with all in this place so that it might shine in the world through each of us because each of us is a Blessing from God, sent into the world to be a Blessing to Others.

(A candle will be lit from the Christ Candle, and that candle will be used to light all our candles)

CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night #239 Yaroslav Daniels

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

PLEASE RAISE YOUR CANDLES IN THE AIR!

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING Rev. Hood

POSTLUDE Yaroslav Daniels

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - December 25th – January 2nd

Sunday, December 31st

10:00 am Songs of the Season Carol Sing

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 p.m.



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Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

In preparation for worship, please switch all electronic devices to silent or vibrate.

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Hood

HYMN Joy to the World #246 Yaroslav Daniels

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Jill Burress

O God of wonder and mystery, tonight we give you thanks for the precious gift of Jesus. You have come to us, yet again, bringing the hope and light that we have longed for. The birth of Jesus fills us with excitement and expectation, knowing that he will grow to be our Lord and Savior. Tonight, we promise to follow him, wherever he leads us, that we may become his faithful disciples! Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: *God With Us, Emmanuel*

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1 - #211

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Candle: Tolentino Family

Advent Prayer (In Unison):

Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Tonight as we celebrate your birth, we thank you for being our Emmanuel. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we've been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Savior and Lord. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.7 - #211

MUSICAL SELECTION All Bells In Paradise Chancel Choir
By John Rutter

FIRST READING The Prophecy of Christ's Birth and Reign Rev. Soots
Isaiah 9: 2-6

SECOND READING Jesus' Birth Is Announced Rev. Soots
Luke 1:26-38

CAROL Away in a Manger #217 Yaroslav Daniels

THIRD LESSON An Angel Appears To Joseph Rev. Wik
Matthew 1:18-25

FOURTH LESSON Jesus Is Born In Bethlehem Rev. Wik
Luke 2:1-7

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 Yaroslav Daniels
(vs. 1 & 2)

FIFTH LESSON Jesus's Birth Is Announced To The Shepherds Rev. Soots
Luke 2:8-14

SIXTH LESSON The Shepherds Visit The Baby Jesus Rev. Soots
Luke 2:15-20

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 Yaroslav Daniels
(vs. 3 & 4)

SEVENTH LESSON The Word became flesh Rev. Hood
John 1:1-5, 9-14

SERMON DWELLING WITH US Rev. Hood

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jill Burress
The Christmas offering will be divided between the N.O.A.H. Project at Central UMC Detroit and the General Fund. Your continued financial and prayerful support is greatly appreciated.

- For those worshipping virtually:
 1. You may mail-in or drop-off your offering to our address:
33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336
 2. You may use PayPal; directing gifts to: **First United Methodist Church of Farmington**

- For those worshipping in-person:
The ushers will come forward to receive our tithes and offerings. As the ushers receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed Connection Card in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels