

A Sincere Thank You To

Rev. Angela Finet for her pastoral ministry among us.

John and Gloria Hess for their musical leadership.

Organ: Leigh-Ann Powers

Aaron Booz: Euphonium; Sarah Repkoe, Piano; Evan Gregory, John Hess, Bruce Wagner, Libby Weider: Trumpets; James Zeigler: Trombone; and Bruce Smith, Tuba for providing instrumental music this evening.

Bill Kepner for providing special music.

Madeline and Joel Bollinger for providing special music.

Thank you to the Choir for their hard work and gifts of music all year long!

Phyllis Kepner for leading worship this evening.

Rebekah, Autumn and Eva Priest for lighting our wreath.

Cindy Heisey and Mark Yoh for serving as greeters.

Sara and Don Wagner, Cindy Heisey, Joy Meley, Barry Lauver, Beth Serfass, Cathy Funderwhite, and Harry Light for decorations.

Dell Boshnaugle, Dave Fuchs, Michael Graham, Gina Baustista, and Zach Snyder for video and sound all year long.

Harry Light for security.

Everyone is welcome to worship with us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in person or on YouTube. Sunday School and faith formation for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m.

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December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Service

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Prelude

7:00 p.m. Service of Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please see the technician at our sound booth if this service will be helpful to you. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please speak to one of the ushers if you would like either one or both of these.

***Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

PRELUDE *Toccata on "Adeste Fideles"* Hegarty

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Joy to the World* Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Together we seek the Holy One. We call upon our God, who is near.

Near in the Christ child we celebrate.

Near in the Spirit we receive.

Near in the creation we inhabit.

Together we proclaim Emmanuel -

God-with-us.

Together we live Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYER OF PRESENCE^{^^}

*HYMN *Joy to the World* 318

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 NT 56

ANTHEMS *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* arr. Larson
Emmanuel, God with Us McDonald

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Birthday of a King* Neidlinger

ORGAN & BRASS INTERLUDE

Angels we have heard on high St. James Music Press

INVITATION TO OFFERING^{^^^} & OFFERTORY PRAYER^{^^^^}

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Arr. Johnson

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:1-20* NT 58

*HYMN *Hark! the herald angels sing* 201

MEDITATON

CANDLIGHTING AND HYMN

Silent Night Insert
Powell

Please remain seated as the ushers begin lighting the candles for worshippers. Only the **unlit** candle should be tilted to receive the light; otherwise hot wax will spill on your clothing. Please do not hold a lit candle near the person in front of you; it is very easy to catch their hair or clothing on fire.

Raise your lit candle high as we sing the last verse. Remain seated for the benediction. Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the benediction. As you leave the sanctuary, place extinguished candles in the baskets at the door.

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Young

[^]Harader, Joanna. *Expecting Emmanuel*. (Herald Press: Harrisonburg, VA, 2022). Pgs. 149, 153

^{^^}Bartlett, David L., Barbara Brown Taylor, and Kimberly Bracken Long. *Feasting on the Word: Advent Companion*. (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY. 2014). Pgs. 99, 101.

^{^^^}Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2019). Pg. 279.

^{^^^^}Hunter, Amy B. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2023). Pg. 258.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING – Gifts for the Christ Child

It is our tradition to celebrate the gift of Jesus through gifts to our neighbors - around the corner and around the globe. This evening's offering will be split equally between two organizations who are helping to shelter those in desperate need.

Local Organization: Lancaster YMCA

The YMCA will be managing the new homeless shelter being constructed in the Otterbein United Methodist Church in downtown Lancaster, which is set to open tonight!

Global Organization: CCEPI USA

CCEPI USA stands for the Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives, which is led by Rebecca Dali. Rebecca is a native of northern Nigeria (where there are many Churches of the Brethren) who has worked tirelessly to help those who have been displaced (having their homes burned) and otherwise harmed (in every way imaginable) by terrorists in Nigeria.

To make an offering

Place your checks or cash in the plate, or give online through our website: Mountvillecob.org.

Click on the green “Give via Tithe.ly” button and follow the prompts. In the dropdown menu, select the “Christmas Eve offering” option.

Thank you for your generosity as we anticipate together the birth of the Christ Child.

Silent Night

**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.**

**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.**

**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, Lord, at thy birth.**

**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."**