

## Christmas Eve Service of Worship

December 24, 2018

7:00 PM

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Prelude David Matthews

Greeting and Announcements

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest.

**People: and on earth peace, good will toward all.**

Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be to all people.

**People: Glory be to God on high.**

Leader: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all.**

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 240

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Children's Sunday School Class

**May we know the truth of your love on this Holy Night, O God. Fill us with the glow and warmth of Christmas. Help us worship in Spirit and in Truth, O Way of Life. Amen.**

**Hymn Sing**

*(Choose a hymn and we'll sing the first verse. Christmas hymns can be found in the Hymnal from 214-251)*

Children's Sermon Julie Califiura

Our Christmas Offering

Offertory Music David Matthews

Choir Anthem "Sing Noel" (L. Larsen)  
Trumpets by Henry Fletcher and Ryan Nelson

Scripture John 1:1-14 1289

Sermon "Of Light" Pastor David

Solo "Gesu Bambino" Ruthie Nelson

**\*Candle Lighting**

**\*Carol "Silent Night" 239**

**\*Benediction Benediction**

Postlude

**\*please stand as you are able**

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*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:6,7*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*WELCOME TO FIRST UMC...WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY!** Wherever you've come from and whoever you are, we're glad you are here. If you're visiting this evening, please fill out one of the guest info cards and drop it in the offering plate. If you are searching for a faith community to call "home" we hope you'll consider us!

**\*Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please ask an usher for help.

**\*Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is cancelled this week. See you next year!

**May the best gifts of Christmas be yours:**

**The gift of faith.  
The gift of hope.  
The gift of joy.  
The gift of love.  
The gift of light.  
The gift of Jesus!**



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