

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

An unmarried teenage girl was invited—

to carry Christ into this world.

An ordinary carpenter was invited—

to be a father to a child unlike any other.

The shepherds were invited—

outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

The Magi were invited—

foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.

And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited—

then we can trust that we too are invited.

This story is for us.

This love is for us.

This is our invitation. Welcome home.

Amen.

OPENING SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234 (vs 1-3)

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING¹

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION¹

THE STORY OF MARY Luke 1:26-35

Sung Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #211
vs 1, 4

THE STORY OF JOSEPH Matthew 1:18-23
Sung Response *Emmanuel* #204
sing 2x

THE STORY OF THE NIGHT Luke 2:1-5
Sung Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230
vs 1, 4

THE STORY OF A BIRTH Luke 2:6-7
Sung Response *Away in a Manger* #217
vs 1, 3

THE STORY OF THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-14
shared from *My First Message*
Sung Response *Angels We Have Heard on High* #238
vs 1, 2

THE STORY OF THE SHEPHERDS II: Luke 2:15-18
shared from *My First Message*
Sung Response: *What Child is This* #219
vs 1, 2
Another Response *First Coming* Madeleine L'Engle

CALL TO OFFERING¹

THE STORY OF HOME John 1:1-2, 4-5, 12-14

LIGHTING OUR WAY

We receive the light from the Christ candle, and we pass that that light, one from another...tipping ours into the one that is already lit, giving ourself to the other...opening our hearts to receive.

Please remain seated. The children can open their lights anytime.

HYMN*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 in born!
Christ the Savior is born!

BENEDICTION**CLOSING SONG***Joy to the World*

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POSTLUDE

You are invited to take one of the ornaments on the tree in the entryway home with you tonight, our gift to you.

Close
to
Home



Eagle Grove
United Methodist Church

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