Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2025



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December 24, 2025 **5:00 p.m.**

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As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.
Please "Check In" on a social media, then set all electronic devices to the silent mode.

Prelude "The First Noel" arr. Paige
Stephen Cook, Organ

Pastoral Welcome *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Congregational Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *(Vs. 1-3, 6)* **# 234**

Children's Choir Anthem "Do You Hear What I Hear" Regney & Shayne
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Lighting the Christ Candle *(Responsive in **Bold**)* *Chan Family*

Christmas is here! Our Advent wreath is complete. Tonight we light the Christ Candle, reminding us that He is the light of the world, the center of our lives, the shining beacon of hope for all creation.

Gracious God, we thank you for the light of Christ which shines brightly. May this light shine in our lives so that people around us might see your glory, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Youth Bell Choir Anthem "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" arr. Lamb
Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Christmas Message to the Families *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Youth Choir Anthem "Christmas Hallelujah" *Words & Music by Leonard Cohen*
Youth Choir; Carolyn Noonchester, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Pageant

In the Beginning

The Historic Family of Israel – The Census

***Congregational Hymn** "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" *(vs. 1, 2, and 4)* #**230**

A Family of God's Creatures – The Animals

Congregational Hymn "Away in a Manger" *(vs. 1 & 2)* **# 217**

The Family of Mary and Joseph

The Angelic and Earthly Family – Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men

Congregational Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(vs. 1-3)* # **238**

Combined Children's Choir/Youth Choir/Youth Bells Song by John Wyatt Burson
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 14th Century German Carol; arr. Trevor Manor
Children's, Youth, and Youth Bell Choirs; Lucas, and Noonchester, Directors; Franklyn Shen, Piano

***Blessing/Benediction**

***Youth Choir** "Peace, Peace" by Rick & Sylvia Powell

***Children's Choir & Congregation**

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. # 239
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

***Congregational Hymn** "Joy to the World" **# 246**

***Sending Forth** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Organ

**Congregation standing, if able.*

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY PAGEANT

CAST AND CREW

Acolyte:
Logan Noonchester

Animals:
Baby Camel: Mason Renfrew
Dove: Clara Contreras

Narration: Voiceover – Kathleen Ng
Narrator 1 – Hannah Ng
Narrator 2 – Nicholas Ng
Narrator 3 – Morgan Noonchester
Narrator 4 – Angela Zhang
Narrator 5 – Isabelle Chan
Narrator 6 – Sarah Veeraraj

Census Takers: William Shen, Felix Veeraraj, and Brady Zhuang
Music: written by Janice L. Clark

Holy Family:
Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus: The Geis Family - Jason, Mary Ann, and Samantha Geis
Baby Donkey: Matthew Geis
Angel: Ryan Geis

Angels
Music: written by Janice L. Clark

Lead Angel: Eliana Chan
Angels: Grace Contreras and Savannah Young

Shepherds
Music: written by Janice L. Clark

Shepherds: Logan Noonchester and Felix Wang

Magi:
Music: written by Janice L. Clark

Melchior: William Shen

Balthazar: Donovan Richenberger

Gaspar: Felix Veeraraj

Sound: Brendan Eder, Gar Ng, Vince Pang

Assistant Directors: Stephanie Shen and Caitlyn Shen

Props: UWF Crafters Group

Stable Originally built by: Tom Crosby
Stable Construction: Kimmie Ng, PJ Ostry, Vince Pang, William Shen, Kevin Snavely, Felix Veeraraj, Sarah Veeraraj, and Felix Wang,

Costumes: Cindy Ostry, Heather Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Cindy Snavely, and Lynne Whitaker

Merry Christmas!

Please remember to sign the attendance pad.

Thank you to all who contributed toward the beautiful poinsettias in our Sanctuary this Christmas season! They may be picked up after the 9 PM Christmas Eve service or on December 26, noon – 2 PM, west door of the church. With much appreciation, the remaining flowers will be delivered to our homebound church members.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Mission Statement: At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to Welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.