Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2024



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December 24, 2023 **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; Janice Clark, Piano

Lighting the Christ Candle *(Responsive in **Bold**)* *Ng 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 "Cradle Lullaby" arr. Hollander
Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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

Youth Choir Anthem "Who Comes This Night?"
Words by Sally Stevens; Music by Dave Grusin; arr. by Sheldon Curry
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Pageant

In the Beginning
The Historic Family of Israel – The Census
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 arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 14th Century German Carol; arr. Trevor Manor
Children's, Youth, and Youth Bell Choirs; Lucas, Clark, 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

Narration:
Voiceover – Kathleen Ng
Narrator 1 – Hannah Ng
Narrator 2 – Kevin Shyam
Narrator 3 – Sarah Veeraraj
Narrator 4 – Nicholas Ng
Narrator 5 – Morgan Noonchester
Narrator 6 – Angela Zhang
Narrator 7 – Isabelle Chan
Narrator 8 – Elle Quismorio

Census Takers: Angela Zhang and Brady Zhuang
Music by: Janice L. Clark

Animals:
Baby Camel: Quinn Tahilamba
Baby Sheep: Grace Contreras
Dove: Ella DeClerk
Teenage Camel: Katie Lee and Kimmie Ng
Animal Keeper: Olivia Bulgin

Holy Family:
Mary, Joseph, Toddler Shepherd, and Baby Jesus: Chris, Kerri and Cameron Zessau

Angels:
Music by: Janice L. Clark
Lead Angel: Eliana Chan
Choreographer: Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj
Angels: Emily Bulgin, Clara Contreras, Joanna DeClerk and Savannah Young

Shepherds:
Music by: Janice L. Clark
Head Shepherd: James Young
Shepherds: Jowin Shyam, Logan Noonchester, Gregory Ohlson

Magi:
Music by: Janice L. Clark
Melchior: William Shen
Balthazar: David Ohlson
Gaspar: Felix Veeraraj

Music written and arranged by: Janice Clark

Music: Franklyn Shen

Sound: Brendan Eder and Kevin Snavely
Assistant Directors: Stephanie Shen and Caitlyn Shen
Props: UWF Crafters Group
Stable Originally built by: Tom Crosby
Stable Construction: Janice Clark, Jackson Hisey, Steve Hisey, and Trent Hisey
Costumes: Cindy Ostry, Heather Reynolds, Cindy Snavely, and Lynne Whitaker

Merry Christmas!

Please remember to sign the attendance pad.

Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia to help beautify our worship centers at this special time of the year. If you purchased a plant, or had one ordered in your honor, you may pick it up following tonight's 9:00 p.m. service. Plants which are not picked up will be given to our homebound church community on December 26.
Please remember the Church in your will.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyang 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