

Union First Presbyterian Church

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December 24, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Rev. Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Sue Geidel, Pianist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director

Kindly turn off your cell phones and other devices during the service.

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Shelley Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:

Lord have mercy.

Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

Christ have mercy.

Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Lord have mercy.

* Hymn #97 CLH "The First Noel" (with masks)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE PROMISE Luke 1:26-35, 38

* Hymn #100 CLH "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (with masks)

THE BIRTH Luke 2:1-7

Special Music "O Holy Night" Michele Harris

THE WORSHIP & ADORATION Luke 2:8-20

* Hymn #99 CLH "Angels We Have Heard on High" (with masks)

THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-11

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "What Can I Give Him?" UFPC Choir

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE "Silent Night" Rev. Diane Flynn

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* The Candle Lighting

(Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame. During the last verse of "Silent Night," hold your candles aloft.)

* Hymn "Away in a Manger" (with masks)

* Hymn "Silent Night" (with masks)

* Candles are Extinguished

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go into the night, glorifying and praising God for all you have seen and heard. May Christ be your light, this night and forevermore.

* Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Refrain Only) (with masks)

Welcome to worship this Christmas Eve! We're so glad you chose to join us in celebrating the birth of God in Christ Jesus! If you are looking for a new church home, we hope you consider Union First Presbyterian Church as your worshipping community. Join us for worship in-person or livestream online on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at
Union First Presbyterian Church!*

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters – Deb Snyder, Jesse Shreckengost and Dan Harris

Candle Lighters – Melissa Cushey and Mary Joe Fiscus

Christmas Eve Offering – Our offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary. Tonight's offering will be donated to the Blessings in a Backpack program to ensure children in our community have satisfying and nutritious food over the weekend throughout the year. Thank you for contribution to this worthwhile program.

On this special night as we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we also would like to give thanks and glory to God for joining us at the Let's Do Christmas live nativity celebration. Your participation and giving for this event and the angel tree allowed us to raise over \$1,500 plus several items of clothing to benefit children and families who are victims of food insecurity, storms, and fires through Blessings in a Backpack, the Armstrong School District Clothes Closet, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you.

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