| *Hymn | Silent Night, Holy Night (with candlelight) | UMH 239 | |
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| *Blessing | | | |
| *Hymn | Joy to the World | UMH 246 | |
| *Benediction | | | |
| Postlude | Toccata on "Adeste Fideles" | arr. Hegarty | |

Serving in Worship:

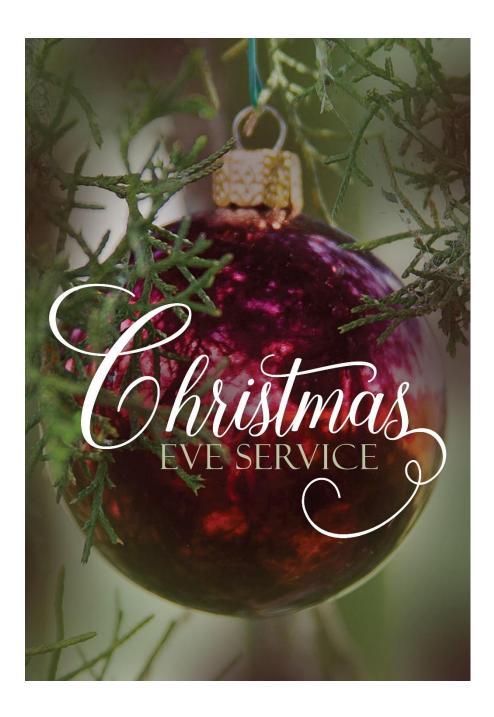
Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Marlene Dirksen Choir Director and Handbell Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Readers: Joel Chermonte, John Vas, Alice Walsh Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle, John & Char Vas, Judi Wagner Usher: Beth Cruz Video Production: John & Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30 am!

Sunday, December 26 First Sunday after Christmas Day 10:30 am Sanctuary and Online

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| Christmas Eve Worship | | December 24, 2021, 7 pm | |
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| Welcome | | | |
| Prelude | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly | arr. Dale Wood | |
| Handbell Choir Introit | Schönster Herr Jesu | Mark Prater | |

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle

- L: This night, this night is a night to remember. A night when home broke in on us. A night when we were not forgotten, alone, or abandoned. This night. This night is the night when here and there became one, when past and future combined in a breathless present. This is a night when we are home, in ourselves, in this family, in the God who loved us enough to walk beside us.
- P: We gather in the night to proclaim the light. We shrug off despair and embrace hope. We set aside conflict and choose peace. We push away despair by claiming joy. We overcome hate by rising into love. Because this evening, even in the shadows of our doubts, we know that we are loved. That's what it means to be home.
- L: We light these candles, hoping to become the light, hoping to radiate light by how we live. We light these candles to create a space called home in this place, in our place, in inner places. We light these candles to declare that unto us a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. Welcomed home by angels singing and shepherds kneeling. Welcomed home by those like us who have worshiped for thousands of years. Welcomed home again tonight, right here, right now, in us.
- P: It's time to be home in hope, peace, joy, love, and light.

Special Music

Anthem for Christmas Musicians: Andy and Josh Walsh

Unison Prayer (Isaiah 9)

God of light and love, shine upon us this Christmas Eve and in the year ahead. Guide us out of darkness and into your joyous light. May our lives reflect your glorious love, that others may see your Christmas Spirit in us every day of our lives. Amen.

| *Hymn | O Come, | , 6) UMH 234 | | | |
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| Handbell Choir | Anthem | Starry Night | arr. Brenda E. Austin | | |
| Choir Anthem | | Bethlehem | Lloyd Larson | | |
| Reflection | " | Welcome Home" | Hoyte Wilhelm | | |
| The Birth | | Luke 2:1-7 | John Vas | | |
| Hymn | ŀ | Away in a Manger | UMH 217 | | |
| <i>The Shepherds and The Angels</i> Luke 2:8-14 Joel Chermonte | | | | | |
| Hymn | Angels We | Have Heard on High (| vv. 1-3) UMH 238 | | |
| The Shepherds' | Adoration | Luke 2:15-20 | Alice Walsh | | |
| Special Music | | n This Very Room calist: Terri Wilhelm | Ron and Carol Harris | | |
| The Offering Offertory *Doxology *Prayer | Ca | rol of the Manger | arr. Dale Wood UMH 94 | | |
| Hymn | O Litti | le Town of Bethlehem | UMH 230 | | |
| Scrinture Readi | nas John S | R·12· Matthew 5·14-16 | 5 | | |

Scripture Readings John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16