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

Serving in Worship:

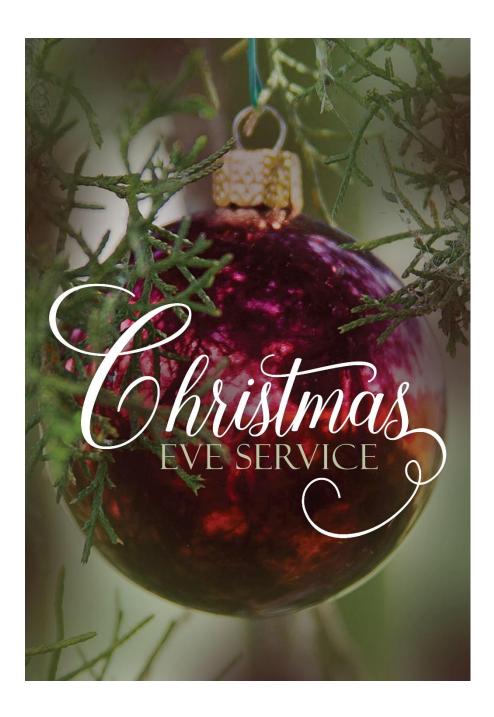
Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Marlene Dirksen Choir Director and Handbell Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Readers: Joel Chermonte, John Vas, Alice Walsh Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle, John & Char Vas, Judi Wagner Usher: Beth Cruz Video Production: John & Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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	
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			
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