

***Hymn** *Joy to the World* UMH 246

***Benediction**

Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Dale Wood

Serving in Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Readers: Rev. Alice Walsh, Joel Chermonte, Greg Lavelle, Ed Brewster

Greeters: Barb Andrews, Claudia & Paul Taller, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

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

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30 am

Sanctuary and Online

North Olmsted United Methodist Church

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Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 2022 + 7 pm

Welcome

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

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

L: Advent hope moves us; Advent peace stills us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent love leads us to affirm our faith in the light of God and Jesus.

P: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled; our peace is sealed; our joy is complete; our love is consummated; our light in us and around us is made bright again!

L: Rejoice, a Savior is born!

P: We rejoice! A Savior is born, indeed!

L: We light these candles: the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, of presence that speaks of love, and of Christ—the light that overcomes all darkness.

Unison Prayer (Isaiah 9) Alice Walsh

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, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234
(vv. 1-3, 6)

The Birth Luke 2:1-7 Joel Chermonte

Choir Anthem *Sleep, Holy Babe* John B. Dykes

Hymn *Away in a Manger* UMH 217

The Shepherds and Angels Luke 2:8-14 Greg Lavelle

Choir Anthem *Angel Carol* arr. Anna Laura Page

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238
(vv. 1-3)

The Shepherds' Adoration Luke 2:15-20 Ed Brewster

Reflection "The Light of the World" Hoyte Wilhelm

Special Music *Ave Maria* Charles Gounod
Soprano: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

The Offering
Offertory *Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep* Franklin Ritter
***Doxology** UMH 94
***Prayer**

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230

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

Special Music *O Holy Night* Adolph Adam
Trumpet: Sophia Needham

***Hymn** *Silent Night, Holy Night* UMH 239
(with candlelight)

***Blessing**