

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Nancy D.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Bill, Sarah J.'s brother
Those experiencing addiction	Justin, lifted by Vann P.
David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Keith A.
Jane P.	Sally S.
Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Judy F.
Carole B.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Barb and Ray S.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Matthew F., USAF
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 27 Christopher Homola
December 29 John Wolter
December 29 Liz Lavelle

December 29 Anita and James Bridges
December 31 Ellie and Jim Yager

Today's Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Michelle Wolter
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Greeters and Ushers: Charlene and John Vas, Greg Lavelle
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

North Olmsted United Methodist Church



Feeding the Community –
Body, Mind, and Spirit
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

Christmas Day December 25, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Greeting

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: **And also with you.**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Silent Night, Holy Night* Dale Wood

****Call to Worship*** Greg Lavelle

L: Rejoice! Merry Christmas to everyone!
P: **Merry Christmas to you also!**
L: Christ our Savior is born.
P: **God's Light is poured into the world.**
L: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.
P: **Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!**

****Old Testament Reading*** Isaiah 52:7-10

***Unison Prayer**

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. Even though many of us have gone through the gift giving and receiving, have feasted with family and friends, there is yet another gift which has been given. You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son Jesus Christ around our lives. The light of your love through him is shining brightly. It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of your holy scriptures and the beautiful music. Bring us to you with such joy that it will seem as though our feet aren't even touching ground. Amen.

***Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have sent your Son to us to show us the way. Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths, you offer us Light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn. Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed to us the Light of Love that serves, guides, and heals. Thank you for loving us so much that you would give us this most precious gift. And when we again falter and fail, lift us again with your gentle touch. Pour the Light into our lives once more, that finally, we will fully understand the power and depth of your love for us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Special Music *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Guitar Solo: Andy Walsh

The Offering
Offertory *In Quiet Joy* Marcel Dupré, Opus 28
***Doxology** UMH 94
***Prayer of Dedication**

Special Music *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
Flute Solo: Nancy Driftmyer

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

Reflection "Jesus Is My Favorite Color" Michelle Wolter

Hymn *Thy Word Is a Lamp* UMH 601

***Hymn** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Go now, bringing the joy of God's love with you to all that you meet. Remember that God is with you in all you do.

P: **Rejoice, for God's Light has come for the whole world. Go in peace and may God's glorious peace always go with you. Amen.**

***Postlude** (Please stand and sing along!)
There's a Song in the Air (v. 1) UMH 249
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1) UMH 240
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (v. 2) UMH 224