

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Our nursery upstairs welcomes babies and young children

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Manger Medley" Arr. Mark Hayes
Mark Loring, Piano

The prelude marks the beginning of worship. We take our seats; we quiet ourselves; the candles symbolize the presence of Christ who comforts, inspires, and guides us.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Nancy Daly, Soloist
Mike, Katy, Hannah, and Cameron Harmes

Reader: Advent is marked by a yearning for peace.
People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Reader: We long today for peace among nations.
People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Reader: We long today for peace among races.
People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Reader: We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.
People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

Lighting the Candles

All join in singing:

Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
born_ to set thy peo - ple free; from our
sins and fears re - lease us;
let us find our rest in thee.

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***ADVENT HYMN** "Hail, to the Lord's Anointed" **UMH 203**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please write your joys and concerns in the prayer book as you enter for worship; they will be shared before we join in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for your promise of peace.
Because of Christ, peace is possible. We pray today for the nations of the world, that we could find ways to live together in peace.
We pray for our brothers and sisters everywhere. Help me to become more forgiving, more understanding, and more loving toward others.
Flood our hearts with the light of peace today, so that we might take your light and spread your love to the whole world. Amen.

SERVING AND GIVING WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements (please sign the welcome pad and pass it along to others)
Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Offertory "Sing We Now of Christmas" Mark Hayes

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY (THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FRIENDLY BEASTS)"

"We Three Kings"
"O Come Little Children" (all children)
"Away in a Manger" (Preschool children)

Drama "The Friendly Beasts"

(interspersed in the drama are stanzas of the carol "The Friendly Beasts"; the congregation joins the children on the first and last stanzas)

Stanza 1: **Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.**

Stanzas 2-6 (sung by children)

Stanza 7: **So every beast, by some good spell,
in the stable dark was glad to tell
of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
of the gift she gave Emmanuel.**

The First Noel (all children, with Austin Copenhagen, violin)

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (children and congregation)
**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (all children)

"Joy to the World" (children and congregation)
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

*BENEDICTION

LeAnn Seto

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

"Grace Space" is available at the front of the sanctuary.

This area is for young children and their caregivers to engage in worship, while also being able to move around, see better, and play with soft toys and quiet activities. Our nursery staff welcomes babies and young children as another child care option.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo" J.H. Bach

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES John & Phyllis Green

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***HYMN** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **UMH 203**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Children dismiss to Disciple Discovery, Pre-K through Grade 5th)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

***HYMN** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (sing twice) **UMH 204**

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Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Offertory "Every Valley" John Ness Beck
CFUMC Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON "Let It Be So!"

***CLOSING HYMN** "There's a Song in the Air" **UMH 249**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye Lord of Hosts" from "Christmas Oratorio"
Camille Saint-Saens
Mark Loring, Organ

**"THE CHRISTMAS STORY
(THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FRIENDLY BEASTS")**
Adapted from "The Christmas Story" by the Cedarhurst Kids
and the Spark Story Bible

Main Narrator Gretchen Kuras
Wiseman 1 Raelyn Bristle
Wiseman 2 Hayley Hopkins
Wiseman 3 Libby Timberlake
Camel 1 front Macaela Webber
Camel 1 back Logan Murphy
Camel 2 front Arianna Reginaldo
Camel 2 back Zack Bieber
Camel 3 front Luca Giardello
Camel 3 back Henry Van Hoek
Cow front Samantha Bieber
Cow back Sadie McCalla
Sheep front Doug Beechey
Sheep back Logan Savercool
Angel Gabriel Anna Brant
Mary Ellie Radant
Joseph Albert Wiseley
Donkey front Hannah Schwarz
Donkey back Jonas Reginaldo
Caesar Bradley Dunn
Innkeeper Amira Fritzsich
Dove Grace Krugh
Small sheep Nico Giardello
Shepherd 1 Cameron Harmes
Shepherd 2 Audrey Giles
Shepherd 3 Cora McCalla
Shepherd 4 Charlotte Schmunk
Shepherd 5 Lydia Avery
Angels - Emma Busch, Avery Cousino, Kathryn Dunn, Arianna Fritzsich, Delaney McHugh, Camryn MacQueen-Rossi, Leah Murphy, Anna Viitala, Greta Wiseley
Shepherds - Felipe Adam-Rita, Matheus Adam-Rita, Indy Hurst, Palmer Hurst, Camden Kleitsch, Corbin McHugh, Mae Roath
Readers - Justin Alford, Camilla Hurst, Kendi Hurst, Lilly McCalla, Caterina McQueen-Rossi, Luke Mourad, Landon Owen, Lauren Thompson
Stable animals - Nicholas Adam-Rita, Harlee Bristle, Elena Reginaldo, Robin Savercool, Dylan Trinkle

Preschool Sheep – Jake Cousino, Madelyn Dunn, Nico Giardello, Hudson Hurst, Josey Jane McCarthy, Norah Savercool, Alia Schmunk, Riannan VanDeWege, Aubrey Webber,
Puppeteers – Gavin Busch, Alice Trinkle, Ben Van Hoek
Prop helpers – Joseph Grudzinski, Lillianne Trinkle, Catie Van Hoek
Puppeteer assistant – Kiera Crawley
Puppet Scrim: Courtney and Dan Aldrich, Janie Brooks
Shadow Puppets – Jon Van Hoek
Animal Costumes: Courtney Aldrich, Janet Alford, Janie Brooks, Jeanne Franks, Judy Flint, Chris Frayer, Faye Frederick, Kim Guitierrez-De Pineres, Neta Mills, Brandy Novak, Sherri Plank, Kelly Stoker, Phyllis Tillman, Susie Wescott
Stable – Dennis Crawley, Brian Dickinson
Props – Dan Aldrich
Photographer – Kelly Stoker
Accompanist – Mark Loring
BLAST Music Director – Nolan Peterson
Children's Ministry Directors: Courtney Aldrich and LeAnn Seto
Pageant Director: Cathie Timberlake

Many thanks to all of the BLAST and Pageant leaders who make this special service possible.

And thank you BLAST parents for spending time encouraging and practicing with your children!

Parents of all K-5th graders: Please pick up your children at their classroom immediately following the conclusion of the service. No one will be dismissed without a parent!

**Longest Night Service
Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.
Dec. 24 – 10 a.m. Morning Worship
Christmas Eve Services
4 p.m. Children's Worship
8 p.m. "Challenged by Comfort" Worship
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Dec. 31 - 10 a.m. Morning Worship
Church office and building is closed
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1**

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Worship

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017
Please contact an usher for hearing devices,
large print bulletins, and hymnals