

**Children's Christmas Eve Service 4 PM**  
**UMH- United Methodist Hymnal \*Stand in body or in spirit**

Cantor: Amy McCarthy

Gathering Music

*Medley of Christmas Carols*

June Shuffett

Welcome

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: God of children, babies, families, and all people;  
Fill the skies with light and song!

**People: Come, fill our hearts with wonder and peace.**

Pastor: On this day, a window to heaven opens  
and we catch a glimpse of God's amazing love.

**People: A love that comes as a child.**

Pastor: Oh, let the angels sing and let our hearts rejoice.

**People: Let our lives be filled anew with hope.  
We praise our newborn King!**

**\*Hymn**

*O Come All Ye Faithful v. 1 & 3*

UMH 234

**\*Advent Wreath and Christ Candle**

The Carter Family

Leader: God's love is coming into the world.

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: A mother and a father finally find rest in a barn . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: Angels sing and shepherds run . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: The stars shone bright and the Wise Men began their journey . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: This day, we joyfully light the Christ Candle,  
remembering when God's love came down at the birth of Jesus. God loves us!

**People: The birthday boy is here! Joy to the World!**

**\*Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Caroline Coltrin

Prayer

**God of Surprising Love and Hope,  
we come this day to the manger,  
gazing lovingly on the Child born  
to bring hope to the world.**

**Open our hearts as we hear the story anew.**

**Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ,  
that we may truly feel the power of Your love  
and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**Offertory**

*Emmanuel*

Franconia Players' Puppet Ministry

## Sharing the Christmas Story

Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1</i>	UMH 230
The Stable Hymn	<i>Friendly Beast</i>	The Donkey, Cow and Sheep UMH 227
God gives Good News Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear v. 1</i>	Angel Gabriel UMH 218
The Angel Shares the Good News Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1</i>	Mary, Joseph and Donkey UMH 238
The Child is Born Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger v. 1</i>	UMH 217
The Sky Rejoices! Hymn	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing v. 1</i>	Angels UMH 240
Sharing the Good News Hymn	<i>The First Noel v. 1</i>	The Shepherds and Sheep UMH 245
From Far Away The Wise People Come! Hymn	<i>We Three Kings v. 1</i>	Wisemen and the Camel UMH 254
Good News for ALL the world! Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice v. 1</i>	UMH 224
Our Lord is born! We share the light! *Hymn	<i>Silent Night v. 1</i>	UMH 239
Celebrate! Our Lord Has Come! *Song	<i>How Could It be a Silent Night (video)</i>	See Screen
*Blessing		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	June Shuffett