

**Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols**  
**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal \*Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude	<i>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i>	June Shuffett
*Choral Introit	<i>O, Come All Ye Faithful</i>	Chancel Choir
Welcome		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Owusu-Ansah Family

Leader: Hope looked down and saw darkness.

**People: "I will go there," said Hope**

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

**People: "I will go there," said Peace.**

Leader: Joy looked down and saw despair.

**People: "I will go there," said Joy.**

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.

**People: "I will go there," said Love.**

Leader: So the Hope of the World, the Prince of Peace, the Child of Joy, the King of Love came down and crept in beside us.

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let us pray.

Leader: O Holy God,

You come in flesh bringing salvation to all,  
Your glory is made known in this newborn child,  
the Light of the World.

Tonight, we join the choirs of angels in singing Your praise.

Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome You!

**People: Let us come and see what God has done.**

**Come, let us adore Him.**

*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH 246
Christmas Prayers		Sarah Chambers
Offering	<i>What Can I Give Him?</i>	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Lessons & Carols**

Carol	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> (vs. 1-3)	UMH 240
First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Jordan Biscardo
Carol	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> (vs. 1, 2, 4)	UMH 211

Second Lesson Carol	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 <i>It Came upon a Midnight Clear</i> (vs. 1, 2, 4)	Kathy Henry UMH 218
Third Lesson Carol	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (vs. 1, 4)	Jordan Biscardo UMH 230
Fourth Lesson Carol	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Away in Manger</i> (vs. 1-3)	Kathy Henry UMH 217
Fifth Lesson Carol	Luke 2:8-16 <i>The First Noel</i> (vs. 1-2)	Jordan Biscardo UMH 245
Homily Carol	<i>Being Present with Light</i> <i>Welcome to Our World</i> (vs. 1-5)	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller See Screen
Invitation to the Table		Sarah Chambers
Confession of Sin		See Screen
Words of Pardon		See Screen
*The Great Thanksgiving (Sung Version)		UMH 17
*The Lord's Prayer		See Screen
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Musical Reflection During Communion	<i>The Jesus Gift</i>	Chancel Choir
Prayer after Communion		See Screen
*Gospel Reading	John 1:1-5; 14	Dan Dickinson
*Hymn with Spreading of the Light	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	See Screen
*Benediction		
*Congregational Postlude	<i>Joy to the World</i> (All verses)	UMH 246
Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Franconia Musica