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# *What Child Is This?*



**December 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM**  
**Service of Lessons and Carols**

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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
W&S – Worship and Song  
*\*Stand in body or in spirit.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Christmas Carol's Medley</i>	June Shuffett
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>*Choral Introit</b>	<i>Come Let us Adore Him</i>	Chancel Choir

**Centering Moment**

<b>*Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle</b>		The Arthur-Posey Family
Leader: Let us pray		
People: Holy One,		
here, at the nativity of Your birth,		
give us the courage to face this moment		
with humility and hope.		
Open us to new understandings of		
the unfolding story of Your presence among us.		
Show us the true meaning of the kingdom on earth		
as it is in heaven.		
We pray in the name of the Child,		
the One who reigns in our hearts and lives.		
Tonight, we join the choirs of angels in singing His praise.		
Let us come and see what God has done.		
Come, let us adore Him. AMEN.		

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>O, Come All Ye Faithful</i>	UMH 234
<b>Christmas Prayers</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering</b>	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Henry McCarthy/Ben Hegerle

**\*Doxology**  
UMH 94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lessons & Carols**

CAROL	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v.1 & 3)	UMH 240
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Kathy Henry
CAROL	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1 & 4)	UMH 211

SECOND LESSON CAROL	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 It Came upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1 & 4)	Bruce Bartolain UMH 218
THIRD LESSON CAROL	Luke 1:26-35, 38 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 4)	Sam Patricola UMH 230
FOURTH LESSON CAROL	Luke 2:1-7 Away in Manger (v. 1 & 3)	Kathy Henry UMH 217
FIFTH LESSON CAROL	Luke 2:8-16 The First Noel (v. 1-2)	Bruce Bartolain UMH 245
HOMILY	<i>The Babe</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
SPECIAL MUSIC	Welcome to Our World (v. 1-5)	W&S 3067
<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		See Screen
<b>Assurance and Pardon</b>		
<b>*The Great Thanksgiving</b>		UMH 17
<b>*The Lord's Prayer</b>		
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.		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Musical Reflection During Communion</b>	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Prayer After Communion</b>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 1: 1-5; 14	Dan Dickinson
<b>*Hymn with Spreading of the Light</b>	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	See Screen
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>*Congregational Postlude</b>	<i>Joy to the World (all verses)</i>	UMH 246
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	June Shuffett Bob Shuffett, and Susan Huffaker



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.  
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,  
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,  
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,  
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

*We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.*

*We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,  
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,  
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,  
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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