

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24, 2025

Prelude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Introit *Fanfare for Christmas* Lloyd Pfautsch

*Carol *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224 v. 1,2

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Lighting the Advent Candles Mark Shaull and Diane Keller

Congregation: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:7)

Anthem *Let Us See This Child, This King* Daniel Gawthrop

*Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 v. 1 & 3

*Scripture *Luke 2:1-14* Janet Nicholls

Anthem *Before the Marvel of This Night* Carl Schalk

Christmas Eve Homily *Silent Night, Holy Night*
Reverend Burke Owens

*Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238 v. 1, 4

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Carol *What Child Is This?* UMH 219

Invitation to the Offering
to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Offertory

*Doxology

*Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240 v. 1, 3

*Carol *Joy to the World* UMH 246 v. 1 & 3

Candle Lighting

Please light your candle from your neighbor's candle. Then hold your candle vertically while the person next to you lights his/her candle. Follow the choir out to the patio while we sing "Silent Night."

*Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH 239

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens



Church Office Holiday Hours:

Closed Dec. 25 - 26, Jan. 1-2

Reduced hours 10 - 4 PM Dec. 29 - 31



If you donated a poinsettia, please feel
welcome to take it home after Dec 25.

Reverend Burke Owens, Senior Pastor

Reverend Gerardo García Palacios, Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Diane Keller, Organist

Mark Shaull, Director of Music

Daniel Fifita, Head Usher

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