

Broad Street United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by the Youth

Welcome. We are happy you are here tonight.

*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING/WELCOME

Pastor James

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Danser Family

To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, "The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined....For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2,6)

Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kin - dom.

We light these Four Advent candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, the love that transforms us. And we light the Center Candle - the Christ Candle, which represents Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light.

May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come. Amen.

OPENING

Audrey Sunshine

OPENING PRAYER (Pray together)

Cyrrus Bernaldes

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. Amen.

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SPEAKERS

Julia Sourwine and Celine Danser

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

SPEAKERS

Cyrrus Bernaldes, Audrey Sunshine, Julia Sourwine

CAROL	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	UMH 230
PRAISE BAND	<i>Mary's Boy Child</i>	Words Printed in Bulletin
PRAISE BAND	<i>Christmas Hallelujah</i>	Words Printed in Bulletin
SPEAKERS		Celine Danser and Daenerys Inzerma
CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (vs. 1-4)	UMH 238
SPEAKERS		Audrey Sunshine and Amelia Sunshine
CAROL	<i>We Three Kings</i> (vs. 1 & 5)	UMH 254
SPEAKERS		Daenerys Inzerma and Amelia Sunshine
CAROL	<i>There's A Song in The Air</i> (vs. 1 & 2)	UMH 249
OFFERING		
ANTHEM	<i>Silent Night</i> (arr.Wagner)	Sanctuary Choir
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor James
SPEAKERS		Julia, Daenerys, Amelia, Celine, Cyrrus, Julia, Audrey
SONG	<i>All Is Well</i>	Youth
SONG	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	Youth
*CANDLE LIGHTING		
	<i>Youth will light candles from the Christ Candle and then pass it to the congregation.</i>	
	<i>Candles passing the flame should remain upright.</i>	
	<i>Candles receiving the flame should be dipped to receive.</i>	
	<i>Keep candles lit through next three songs.</i>	
*CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i>	Words Printed in Bulletin
*CAROL	<i>Pass It On</i>	Words Printed in Bulletin
*CAROL	<i>Joy To the World</i>	Words Printed in Bulletin
	<i>Raise lit candles high on last verse</i>	
*CLOSING PRAYER		Pastor James
POSTLUDE		Judy Schetler

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Mary's Boy Child (Belafonte)

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible says.
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day.
CHORUS: Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new King born today.
And we shall live forevermore because of Christmas Day!
2. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they saw a bright new shining star.
And then they heard a choir sing, the music seemed to come from afar.
CHORUS
3. Then by and by in Bethlehem, in a stable all forlorn.
In a manger cold and dark, Mary's little boy child was born.
CHORUS (2X)

A Christmas Hallelujah (Cloverton)

1. I've heard about this baby boy, who's come to earth to bring us joy,
and I just want to sing this song to you.
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, the major lift.
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah!
CHORUS Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu-u-u-u-jah!
2. A couple came to Bethlehem...expecting child, they searched the inn
to find a place for You were coming soon.
There was no room for them to stay, so, in a manger filled with hay—
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah!
CHORUS
3. The shepherds left their flock by night to see this baby wrapped in light.
A host of angels led them all to you.
It was just as the angels said, "you'll find Him in a manger bed."
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah!
CHORUS
4. A star shone bright up in the east. To Bethlehem, the wise men three,
came many miles and journeyed long for You.
And to the place at which You were, their frankincense and gold and myrrh
they gave to You and cried out Hallelujah.
CHORUS
5. I know you came to rescue me. This baby boy would grow to be
a man and one day die for me and you.
My sins would drive the nails in You, that rugged cross was my cross too.
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah!
CHORUS

Silent Night, Holy Night (Gruber)

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.

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!

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.

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!

Pass It On (Kaiser)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him; it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Repeat: I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Joy to the World (Handel, Mason)

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

(Raise your candle high on the last verse)

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.