

Events

Sunday, December 24

10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Candlelight Service
No Children and Adult Sunday School

Monday, December 25

Office Closed
4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
No Dig in Bible Study

Tuesday, December 26

4:30 PM Shekinah Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 27

1:30 PM Upper Room @Emerald Oaks
6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
No Youth Activities during Winter Break

Thursday, December 28

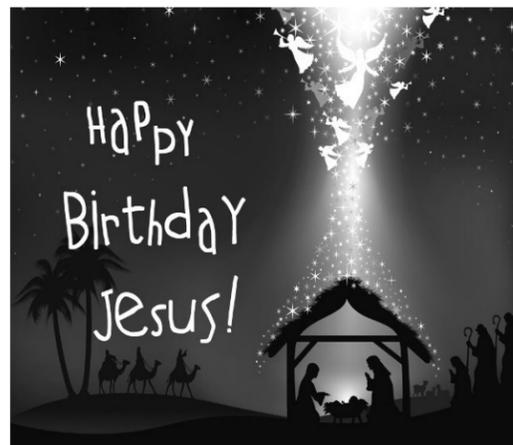
6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

10:00 AM Worship
No Children and Adult Sunday School



Joys, Concerns, Prayers

You are in our prayers:
John & Lana Williams Family,
Gene Twait, Rose Spears (Mother of Lynette McGrath), Reba Williams, Carol Ensley, Nancy Hinrichs, Steven Malm, Bernice Hersom, Rosie Culbertson, Carol Henderson, Sharon Hobart, John & Stacey Strohman, Kort Freeman, Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore), Devin Morey, Mike & Lea Schipull, Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg), Jon Williams, Cole McDonough, Curtis Boekemeier, Cindy Kassel, Ted Strohman, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Jane Stevens, Lois Lowman, Adolph Knobloch (Tami Culver's Uncle), Vi Sampson, Joyce Muller, Marjorie Solberg, including those who have been hospitalized and our military members.

Ministry Opportunities

Children's Sermon, Liturgist, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Shekinah praise team, volunteer to teach Sunday School, providing snacks and meals for 345 Alive, Jr. UMYF, and Sr. UMYF, pick up members who need a ride to worship service, supporting in prayers and many other opportunities available. Sign up at the table in the Narthex.

Get INVOLVED

Glory to You in the Highest Peace to Your People on Earth

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2017, 6:00 PM



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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Welcome!
We're glad you're here.
When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

Liturgist Kyle Kogel
Greeters The Duhn Family
Acolytes/Ushers The Duhn Family
Organist Rosemary Matthews
Presentation Operator Brennan Duhn

*** Prelude**

*** Bringing In the Light of Christ**

Announcements

*** Call to Worship (Isaiah 9)**

L: A child has been born for us,
whose name is called:
Wonderful Counselor—

**P: Good Shepherd,
Deliverer,
Lamb of God,
The Word;**

L: Mighty God—

**P: First and Last,
Author of Life,
Morning Star,
The Light;**

L: Everlasting Father—

**P: Bread of Life,
Resurrection and Life,
Light of the World,
The Vine;**

L: Prince of Peace—

**P: Chief Cornerstone,
Lord of lords,
King of kings,
The Way.**

L: He is Immanuel. God with us!

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, God,
for receiving all who seek you in this holy mystery,
and giving all you are to every one of us,
your flesh and blood in our flesh and blood.

By the power of the Spirit,
send us to spread the good news of the Saviors birth, everywhere;
to all, who long for your coming, touching, teaching, and healing;
and join them in your work
that makes all things new;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** The Passing of the Light**

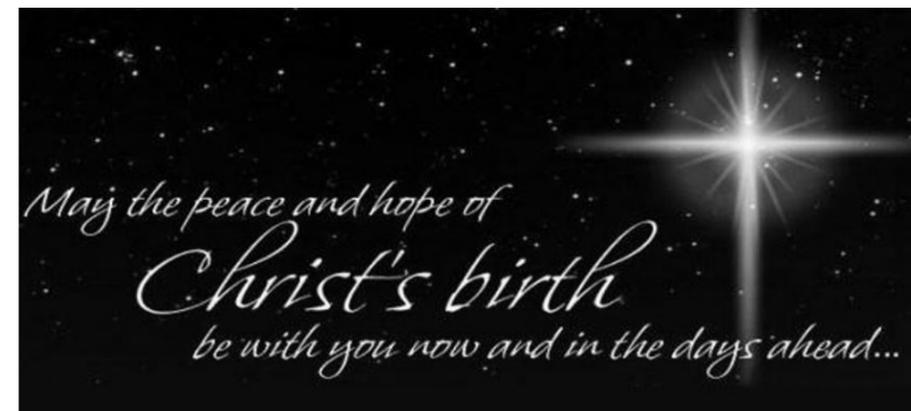
*** Closing Hymn** UMH #239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*** Blessing**

*** Song of Sending Forth** UMH # 246 "Joy to the World" (verse 1 only)

*** Postlude**

"Merry Christmas!"



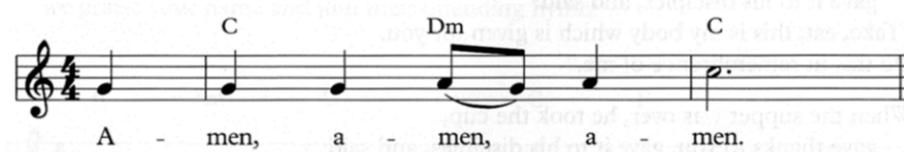


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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.

* Hymn of Praise UMH #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* Opening Prayer (Luke 2, unison)

Holy God,
in days of old
you sent your angels
to tell shepherds the good news:
"To you is born this day a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord."
Help us hear with the shepherds this good news,
that we too may glorify and praise you
for all that we have seen and heard. Amen.

Lighting of the Christmas Candle The Gonzales Family

Christmas Celebration

"Do You Hear What I Hear?", *Hannah Noethe, piano*
"Remember Me", *The Naig Family, voice*
"A King Like This", *Kalie and Maddie Anderson, Sign language to Music*
"The First Noel", *Esther Shin, violin*
"Do You Hear What I Hear?", *Jim Stevens, voice*,
"O Holy Night", *Yihoon Shin, violin*

* Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Message of Life "The Blessings from the Birth of Jesus Christ" Pastor Hojin Shin

Offering

* Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory

* Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You created light out of darkness
and brought forth life on the earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time
you gave your only Son
Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
and at his birth the angels sang
glory to you in the highest
and peace to your people on earth.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Am G C F G
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might;
C Am Dm
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
G C Em F C
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

G7 C Dm Em F Dm C
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
and there found no room,
so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem
and was despised and rejected.

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh,
born of woman, on that night long ago,
so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

*"Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.