

**Worship Guide
December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve**



Welcome

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hope and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Opening prayer

**O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus
you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.
Grant that in his light we may see light.
Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people,
so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn: What Child Is This

UMH 219

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Scripture reading

John 1: 1 - 5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 217

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Message: *Go light your candle*

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.**

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,

lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;...

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Closing Hymn: Silent 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

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