




Union United  
Methodist Church  
presents a service of

*Lessons & Carols*



December 8, 2024  
9 a.m.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Stephen Taylor

### PRELUDE:

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

arr. Jack Bullock

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lighting the Candle of Peace

Brian, Hannah and Melissa Majewski

"In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." Jeremiah 33: 15-16

We light this candle of peace, awaiting the arrival of the King over all creation, and who will set things right for us.

**All: Let Heaven and Nature worship the Lord!**

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

arr. John Leavitt

*\*Congregation stands and sings*

1. Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother child, Jesus Christ, her only Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God  
and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable, and His  
cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and low,  
lived our Savior long ago.

3. But our eyes in truth should see Him, through His own  
redeeming love; for that Child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above. As He leads His children  
on to the place where He is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
shall we see Him, but in heaven set at God's right hand on  
high. Then like stars His children crowned, all in white,  
His praise will sound!

## First Lesson: Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

Margie Mitchell

*God tells sinful Adam that he had lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

## JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE

John Leavitt

## Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-18

Jonathan Nash

*God promises to faithful Abraham that his seed shall create all the nations of the earth and be blessed.*

## THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

UMH #116

*\*Congregation stands and sings*

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I am by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I Am has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace forever more.

4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "holy, holy, holy" cry "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I Am, we worship thee!"

## Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Thomas Walsh

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

## BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT

Carl Schalk

## Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9

Susan Vinson

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

## LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

arr. Jay Rouse

*Youth Leaps of Faith*

## Fifth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Michael Grant

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Offering plates will be passed, and we invite you to put your offering in the plates, or you may place it in the baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Thank you for continuing to support Union's missions and ministries!*

## THE COMING JOY

### Junior Leaps of Faith

arr. Joseph Martin

### Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Barbara Hammett

## GAUDETE

### Frieda Todd, soloist

*Gaudete! (O Rejoice!) Latin translation*

O rejoice! O rejoice for Christ is coming from a virgin maid, we say, O rejoice!  
Dawning now the day of grace, day so long expected; let us raise our song of praise, Hope is resurrected!

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, this saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

God is born in common stall, miracle of nature,  
Open hands to one and all, sovereign Holy Stranger.  
O rejoice! O rejoice for Christ is coming from a virgin maid, we say, O rejoice!  
Dawning now the day of grace, day so long expected; let us raise our  
song of praise, Hope is resurrected!

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Therefore let our gathering sing the lustrous story;  
Praising God with heart and voice; greet the Son of Glory!  
O rejoice! O rejoice for Christ is coming from a virgin maid, we say, O rejoice!  
Dawning now the day of grace, day so long expected; let us raise our  
song of praise, Hope is resurrected!

### Seventh Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Suzu Broadus

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

UMH #240

*\*Congregation stands and sings*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adorned; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

### Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Thomas Keith

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

UMH #234

*\*Congregation stands and sings*

1. 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)*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Refrain)*
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing. *(Refrain)*

### Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

Rev. Faye Jones

## ADVENT ALLELUIA

### Adult and Youth Leaps of Faith

arr. Keith Christopher

## POSTLUDE

### A Festive Fanfare

by Brian Balmages

### The lovely flowers are given:

"In honor of Mandy Ayers' Birthday."  
- Charles Ayers

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Max Lamp!"  
- Ken, Annette, and Jonathan Nash

## Chancel Choir

### Soprano

Kay Brown  
Jan Buck  
Sherry Carroll  
Becky Dixon  
Fran Hanna  
Shari Johnson  
Sophie Johnson-Distefano  
Nancy Long  
Helen McDowell  
Anna Bess Tisdale  
Frieda Todd  
Jill Washabau  
Brenda Winter

### Alto

Gail Elfert  
Cori Jones  
Susan Kirlough  
Ann May  
Reva Miller  
Tania Turner  
Christiana Valdez  
Betty Willyerd  
Kim Wisnewski

### Tenor

David Anderson  
Mike Johnson  
Christopher Moore  
Mike Petersen  
Joey Tucker

### Bass

Carlton Broadus  
Jim Buck  
Dub Hammett  
David Renaker  
David Rothfuss  
Jon Rychener  
Dean Sommers  
Bob Warren  
Brian Wisnewski

## Orchestra

**Violin** - Julie Russell, Amy Evers, Tanvi Singh,  
Em Evers

**Viola** - Charles Patterson, Ian Hall

**Cello** - Colleen Marcou, Vincent Washington,  
Thomas McKinney

**Bass** - Katie Miller

**Flute** - Savannah Gaither, Lorrie Turner

**Clarinet** - Cliff Leaman, Sam Vereen

**Oboe** - Judi Shirley

**Bassoon** - Feleighta Green

**French Horn** - Cody Lidge

**Trumpet** - Abby Jones

**Trombone** - Sanannah Mellichamp

**Percussionist** - Blake Fowler

## Conductor

Frank Turner

## Piano & Organ

Joey Rothfuss

### Junior Leaps of Faith

### Youth Leaps of Faith

### Adult Leaps of Faith

### Audio & Visual Team

Jacob Cosentino

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Gene Springfield  
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Scott Upton

### Leaps of Faith Director

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## Ministers

Rev. Stephen Taylor, Senior Minister  
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