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Faith United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve 2018



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Mike & Roxanne Watts,
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Orlen Bates, Jr.

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Invocation

UMH 234“ O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Call to Worship

Tuck the child in the manger bed. Jesus is born, let Christmas begin.

No cradle, just a manger where cows and sheep are fed. No blanket, just the hay there, and no pillow for his head.

No robe, no sleepers, no pajamas, just swaddling cloths to wear. No hospital, no nurses, nor warm home, but love and care were there.

Angels for his choir, shepherds for his friends, and kings who came to worship as their long journey ends. Mary and Joseph there, too, to care for that special one.

And so we sing Alleluia and join the angel choirs, for Jesus was born in a manger on that first Christmas morn.

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Unison Prayer

God of angels and babies, fill the skies with light and song and fill our hearts with wonder and peace. For on this night a window to heaven opens, and we catch a glimpse of an incredible love which descends as a child. O, let the angels sing and let our hearts be softened. Let our lives be filled anew with hope and joy. God of the shepherds and stars, open us to the miracle

Prayer List

Mel Adams
Wanda Adams
Jim Boetcher
Sherry Brooks
Tom Burkhardt
John & Kim Cain
Dan Campbell
Family of Bud Cordell
Mysti Davis
Shannon Davis
Ernie DeGarmo
Bobby Dudley
Tony Dukes
Janice Farmer Family
Kathy Ford
Family of Chad Foster
Porter Harmon
Family of John Herman
Jeannita Johnson
Kelton Family
Loretta Kennedy
Robbie Mack & Family
John McCain Family
Jill McDonald
Peggy McGee
Bob Mercer
Don Miller
Janice Miller
Paul Mills
June Mock
Janice Moore
Jerry Moore Sr.
Jimmy Moore
Joesy Moore

Norman Moore
Bill & Judy Muck
Jeff Paul
Bob Pitts
Jim Porter
Bonnie Reichenbach
Scott Reishelbee
Linda Renner
Richards Family
Lori Revercomb
Charlie Roberts
Todd Sands
Carole Sayre
Ronald Shaffer
Heather Shepherd
Christie Shirer
Shellie Siefert
Chris Smith
Family of Doug Stotts
Tami Swope
Holly Thomas
John Tignor
Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Clark Watson
Family of Cheryl Watt
Erin Watts
Jim Watts
Don West
Jeff Wheeler
Don Wolfe Family
Vicky Wolfe
Logan Wolford
Melissa Wood

Faith UMC, our pastor, our government, county, city, and world, our soldiers, the homeless, abused, sick, imprisoned, Head Start, those who have not yet accepted Christ and those who only minimally follow the teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon and Frances Johnson.

Tonight's Offering

All offerings tonight will be split between the Lifewell Youth Mission and the Shelter at First UMC on Putnam Avenue.



of your love which enters the world and our lives this holy night. Amen.

UMH 204 Prayer Song "Emmanuel, Emmanuel?"

Pastoral Prayer

UMH 895 "The Lord's Prayer"

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

UMH 95 "The Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. May we glory in your goodness with the excitement of children opening presents. As we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

We light the candle of Hope as we await the coming of Jesus,
who is our source of hope.
(candle of hope is lit)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of hope, in our times of emptiness.
We light the candle of Peace,
knowing that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
(candle of peace is lit)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of peace in our times of uncertainty.
We light the candle of Joy,
knowing that our comfort and help come from God.
(candle of joy is lit)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of joy in our times of sadness.

We light the candle of Love,
knowing that God is love revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

(candle of love is lit)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of love in our times of loneliness.

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

We light the Christ Candle, knowing that Jesus is our hope,

our peace, our joy and the source of love.

(the Christ candle is lit)

~ written by Dan Nighswander

UMH 246“ Joy to the World”

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2

The Case of the Missing Baby

Pastor Joy Wigal

🕯️ One little flame

Faintly giving light to the child in the hay

So simple and faint

So much hope

A tiny little light marks the birth of the savior

The redeemer of us all.

Just a tiny little light starts it all

Uncomplicated and faint

Warm and glowing

Inviting, welcoming

a new beginning.

I reflect on the tiny flame burning tenaciously inside me

Restless and flickering

Dancing in the draft that blows through my life

I doubt its strength and purpose

Is it strong enough to accomplish anything at all?

Can it be sustained?

Then I reconsider the tiny flame flickering by the manger

Quietly lighting the most miraculous scene

An infant

Helpless, vulnerable

An infant

God with us

A flame.

Thousands of years later,

Still burning, inviting,

Saving

I consider the flame within

Flickering faithfully

God within me

It is enough

I am enough

By Sandra Yarien

UMH 239“ Silent Night”

Benediction

The night is still; the stars shine bright. Holiness is all around.

Treasure the stillness; drink in the wonder.

As you lie down and sleep tonight, may the peace of God enfold you and may you awake with great joy for our Savior has indeed come. **Glory to God! Amen.**