

★ CALL TO WORSHIP

Mandy Hale, Liturgist

One: I bring you good news: unto us a Savior is born!

**All: Blessed is the Holy Child; God's greatest gift!**

One: The angels rejoice! The shepherds are not afraid!

**All: Blessed is Promised One born to set all people free!**

One: On this Holy Night, heaven & earth rejoice!

**All: Blessed is Jesus Christ: our hope, peace, joy and love!**

★ HYMN 234 vs. 1-3 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

★ CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Jesus, all the stars point to your birth! All our wanderings come home to you; all our sorrows and delights find a place in the stable. Transform the poverty of our spirits that any pain, shame, loneliness or rejection may be gifted by the abundance of your grace. Your light shines in our lives; your life opens us to new relationship with God and with one another. In your humble birth we discover your everlasting majesty and our eternal salvation. From heaven to earth, welcome! And God's people said **AMEN!**

★ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Merry Christmas!"*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM

"Candlelight Carol," John Rutter, Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

The Christmas Story

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Heaven & Earth"

Rev. David Aslesen

PRAYERS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

ANTHEM

"O, How Beautiful the Sky," Paul Christiansen, Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are Welcome at Christ's Table*

Invitation to the Feast of Christ, Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal, pgs. 13-15

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

BREAKING THE BREAD & GIVING THE CUP

Special Music, Laurel & Mike Ebersohl, dulcimers

"Mary Did You Know" - arr. Conger

"Coventry Carol" - arr. Ebersohl

"Away in a Manger" - arr. Ebersohl

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

*Place your gifts in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you for your generosity.*

Offertory

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" arr. Norman Dello Joio,  
Stephen Uhl, organ

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Let us be blessed to share the light in all the earth.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN

"Silent Night"

***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!***

(Please stand as able)

***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!***

★ BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

★ HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“Joy to the World”

*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, & 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.*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

We give thanks to the **Collins Family** for the beautiful poinsettias.

Worship Leaders, Musicians & Ushers:

Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor; Mandy Hale, Liturgist; Jeff Hunt, Director of Music Ministries; Stephen Uhl, Organist; Rev. Mike & Laurel Ebersohl, dulcimers; Emily Charles, Acolyte; Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir; Rob Hale, Livestream. Ushers: Bill Brownsey, Cheryl Freiberger, Curt Barrett, Geoff Hardwick, Sarah Hardwick

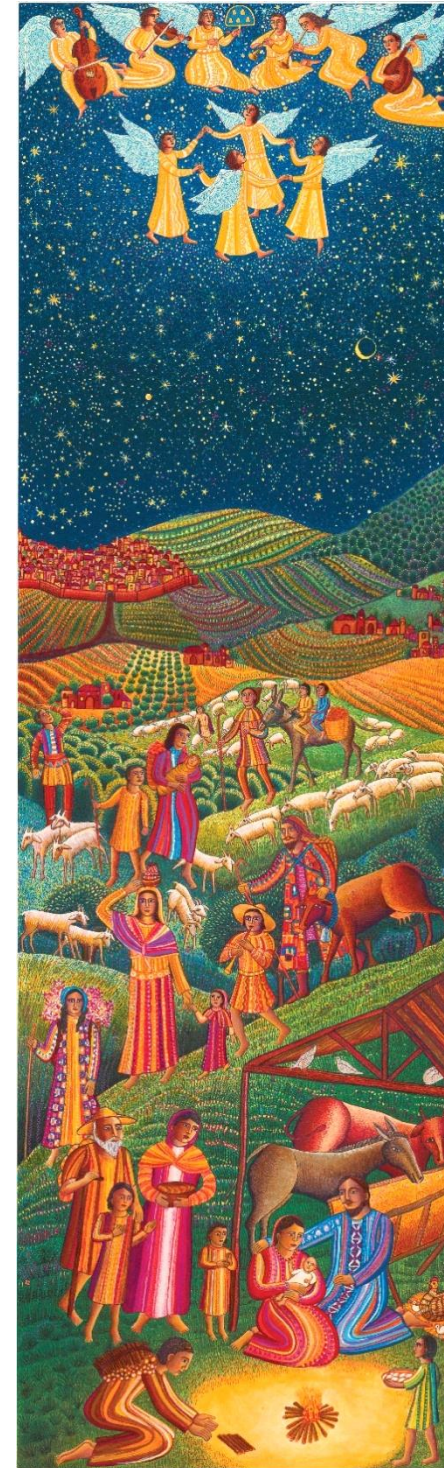
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# WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS EVE

*“Christ the Savior is Born!”*

8 PM, Wednesday,  
December 24, 2025

## BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*“...a multigenerational congregation filled with the joy of faith, hospitality towards everyone and hope for the future. We believe God’s grace is a gift to everyone, making every person a beloved child of God worthy of love.”*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Laurel & Mike Ebersohl, Dulcimers

### GREETING

Rev. David Aslesen

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Merry Christmas!

People: **Merry Christmas!**

### WELCOME TO BAKER MEMORIAL UMC

### PRELUDE

“Christmas Bell Rejoicing,”  
arr. Michael Ryan,  
Chancel Bell Choir