



## Who Are We?

We are a welcoming church that  
wants everyone to know God's love.



## Our Core Values

Love First      Foster Belonging  
Grace-Powered      Hope, Help, and Healing

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Grace Notes Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome visitors – please take this opportunity to register your attendance  
in the red attendance pads located in the pews.*

\*CALL to WORSHIP and LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE:

\*Christ Candle Hymn

**“Prepare the Way”**

Today we light all of the Advent candles – hope, peace, joy, love, and now finally, the Christ candle. On this holy night, we gather in anticipation, remembering the birth of our Savior.

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

In the darkness of the world, a light shines, bringing hope, peace and joy to all.

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

The angel's song echoes in our hearts: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all.”

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

With the shepherd, we come to the stable, eager to behold the child, the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

In the midst of our busy lives, we pause and bow before the newborn King, whose birth brings salvation to all people.

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

O God, with graceful hearts, we open ourselves to the peace and love that Christ brings, knowing that in him, all things are made right. Tonight, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we rejoice in the gift of your Son. May we live in the light of his love this Christmas and always.

**We welcome the coming of Christ.**

\*OPENING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Emmanuel,  
you are the savior of the world, the Word made flesh, the very Son of God.  
May your way be prepared in our hearts and minds,  
that we may behold your glory, know your peace,  
and so rejoice in your presence, now and for ever.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, the King is born! Amen.

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL

**UMH 234**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*\*Indicates stand as you are able.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING (see insert)

Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN

**TFWS 2071**

**“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

PSALM 96 (see insert)

HYMN

**W&S 3010** (vs. 1,3,4)

**“Sing of the Lord's Goodness”**

EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Titus 2:11-14

HYMN

**UMH 189** (vs. 1 & 4)

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

GOSPEL READING (see insert)

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

**“Christmas Reset”**

Pastor Andy Petter

*Good News: The Savior appears, bringing glory, peace, joy, mercy, freedom, holiness,  
righteousness, wonder, and salvation to all.*

*Discipleship: Stop, take a moment, and experience the Christ-child.*

*My Response:*

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL

**UMH 238**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. Offering envelopes can be found  
in the pew racks. The Christmas Envelope Special Offering  
has been designated for Apportionments.*

\*DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

All things come from you, O God,  
and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.  
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast,  
and you reached out to restore and renew our love.  
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,  
True God from True God,  
and True Light in a darkened world,  
so that we might have abundant and eternal life.  
All that we are, all that we have,  
and all that is yet to come, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do,  
we offer ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to share in this grace with us,  
whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all.*

## LIGHTING of the CHRISTMAS CANDLES

*As the light is spread from candle to candle, all are invited to join in singing  
"Silent Night, Holy Night".*

## BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Joe Kelley

*Do good, be rich in the good things you do, be  
generous, and share with others. When you do  
these things, you will save a treasure for  
yourselves that is a good foundation for the  
future. That way you can take hold of what is  
truly life.* 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Offerings may be placed in plates or given online through our website. Offerings can be made using electronic fund transfers from your bank account or by credit/debit card, with the option to be set as a recurring gift. Please go to <https://byronmn.umcchurches.org/giving>, or scan the QR code to be directed to the giving page.



### COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 24 – Al Miller, Paul Riggs  
Dec. 28 – Marty Nelson, Terri Nelson  
Jan. 4 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs  
Jan. 11 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson  
Jan. 18 – Roger Vick, Nancy White  
Jan. 25 – Al Miller, Roger Vick

### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Dec. 24 – Pastor Andy  
Dec. 28 – Cathy Huntoon  
Jan. 4 – NO Communion  
Jan. 11 – Chris Miller  
Jan. 18 – Aubree / Gauge Hart  
Jan. 25 – Cathy Huntoon

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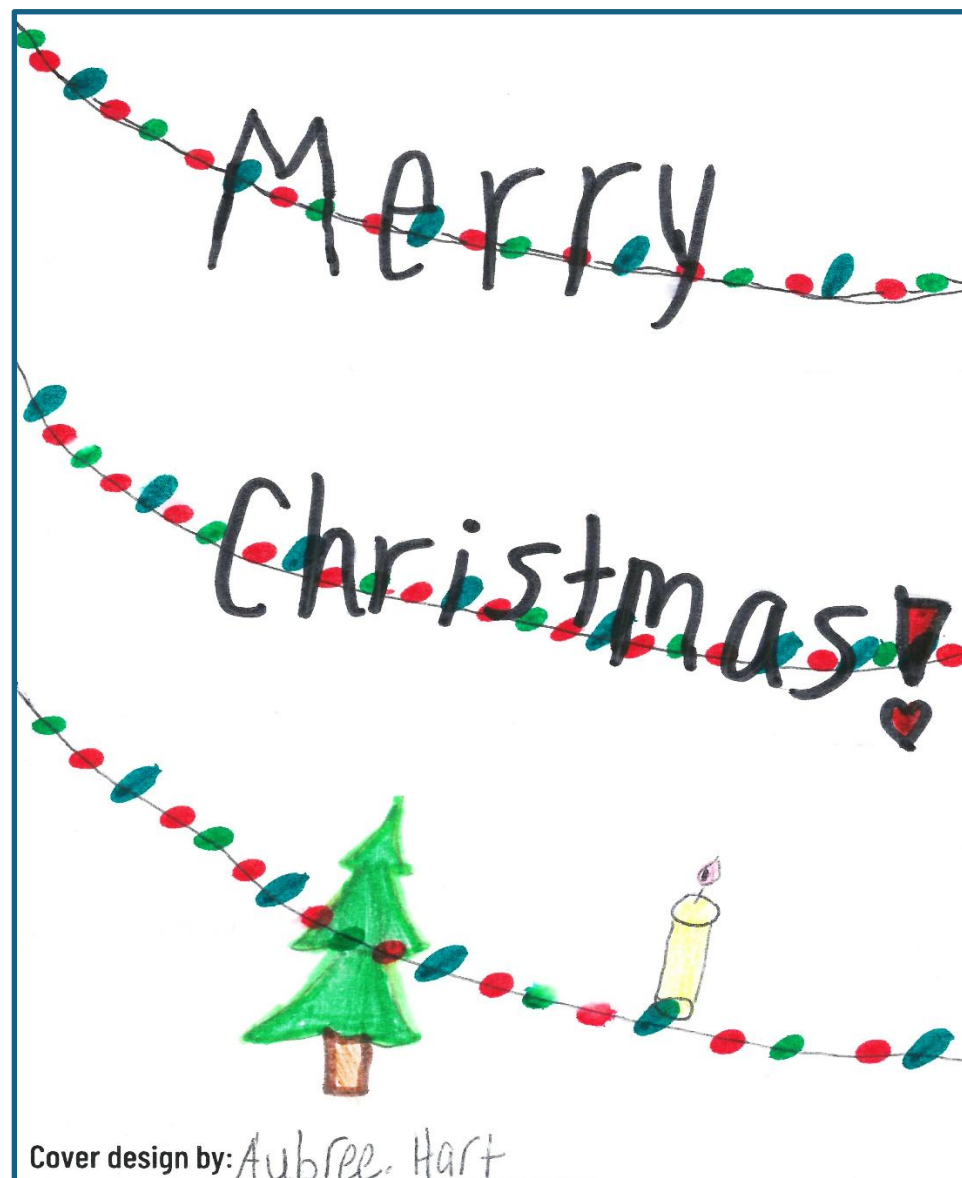
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## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2025 -- 9:30 a.m.