

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
LUKE 2:22-38

**SERMON**  
“THE UNEXPECTED GIFTS”  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

**ANTHEM**  
*REJOICE! YOUR LIGHT HAS COME*  
BY TEXT AND MUSIC BY MARY McDONALD

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT*

#239, UMH, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS BY JOSEPH MOHR  
MUSIC BY FRANZ GRUBER  
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1. 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.  
3. 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.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH*  
#238, UMH, v. 1  
WORDS & MUSIC BY TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL  
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1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**POSTLUDE**  
*NEWBORN KING*  
BY CHARLES WESLEY & GEORGE WHITEFIELD



**“The Unexpected Gifts”**  
Luke 2:22-38

December 31, 2023  
First Sunday After Christmas  
Worship Service  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM



*Communion is available and the elements  
have been blessed for anyone who would like  
to partake after church service is completed.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

## PRELUDE

*HE IS BORN, THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD*  
BY FRENCH COMPOSER

## WELCOME HOME!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*JOY TO THE WORLD*

UMH #246, v. 1  
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS  
MUSIC ARR FROM G. F. HANDEL  
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1. 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, and nature sing.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

UMH #251, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS & MUSIC BY AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL  
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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)  
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

UMH #240, v. 1 & 2  
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY  
MUSIC BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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 new born King!"  
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; 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 new-born King!"

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

*WHAT CHILD IS THIS*

#219, UMH, v. 1  
WORDS BY WILLIAM C. DIX  
MUSIC BY 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH MELODY  
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1. 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?  
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

## \*DOXOLOGY

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94, UMH  
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

## HYMN OF FAITH

*AWAY IN A MANGER*

#217, UMH, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS BY ANONYMOUS  
MUSIC BY JAMES R. MURRAY  
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1. 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.  
3. 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.

*O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL*

#234, UMH, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN F. WADE  
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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: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
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)