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MUSIC MINISTRY

Still, Still, Still

LUBOFF

**Chancel Choir** 

Cecil Baughman, director

**SCRIPTURE** 

Luke 1:26-38

Sharon Roan

**SERMON** 

Love

Pastor Jennifer

\*HYMN #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Noel Nouvelet

BEDFORD

Cecil Baughman, organ

\*DOXOLOGY #95

OLD 100TH

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN #246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #230 O

O Little Town of Bethlehem

\*POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

BACH

ST. LOUIS

Cecil Baughman, organ

ACOLYTES: Killeen & Fallon French-Hill

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

# Christmas Eve Worship.

# **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

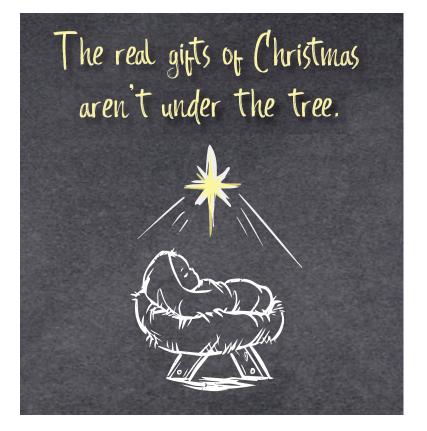
5pm | Children & Family
7pm | Contemporary Candlelight\*
9pm | Traditional Candlelight
11pm | Traditional Candlelight\*
\*communion served

Please consider taking a few invitations and some time to think of family, friends, or neighbors in your life looking to re-discover with us, that the best gifts are already ours. Invitations are available with the ushers and in the lobby to help you!

## **NOTES:**



a stephen ministry congregation



Love

stay connected to **epworth** church:







### 8:30 AM WORSHIP - A Service of Word and Table

The Shepherds at the Manger **PRELUDE** LISZT Cecil Baughman, organ

\*WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN #238 Anaels We Have Heard on High **GLORIA** 

Debra Seabolt LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus, you are the fullness of God's wide and eternal love. We open our hearts now and very soon on Christmas, to the love which changes everything. By the power of your love, enemies are made friends. By the power of your love, those who were once far off are brought near. By the power of your love, that which seemed impossible now is spoken into being. Jesus. Child of Bethlehem and Lord of the Cosmos. fill us with this love as we draw close to your manger throne. Amen.

## **EPWORTH CONNECTIONS**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER #270

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.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** 

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The United Methodist Church practices open communion, All who seek a deeper relationship with God may commune. The sacrament will be served by intinction. The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and dip it in the offered cup. Your response to the server is: "Amen." Gluten free wafers are available for those who prefer a gluten free option. Please proceed to the server in the middle of the platform. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you would like to receive the sacrament in your pew, please tell the usher.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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#### 9:45 AM WORSHIP

The Shepherds at the Manger PRELUDE Cecil Baughman, organ

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CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN #238 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

\*WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE Richard, Rev. Laura, Cora, and Paige Bensman

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