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Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 

We are a Christ-centered, scripturally grounded community, growing in loving relationship with God, our local children and community, and our world.

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## **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 24, 2023** 



## The Christmas Story - Christmas Eve 2023 (Candlelight Service)

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Michael Colson

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Dewey Miller

Centering "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Janet Vogt

Invocation Pastor Dewey Miller

Hymn "Joy to the World" # 246

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.

**The Christmas Story** 

(with Carols)

from Matthew and Luke

Scripture Luke 1.26

Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 196

Scripture Matthew 1. 18-25

Carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1,6) # 211

Scripture Luke 1. 46-56

Duet "Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Jack Schrader

Makenna & Melissa Counts

Scripture Luke 2. 1-7

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1, 4) # 230

Scripture Luke 2. 8-14

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" # 240

Scripture Luke 2. 15-20

Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2, 6) # 234

Scripture Matthew 2. 1-12

Scripture Luke 2. 21-32

Carol "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (vs. 1) # 251

Scripture Luke 2.33-40

Solo "O Holy Night" by Adolphe Charles Adam

Makenna Counts

**Family Prayer** 

\*Candle Lighting Pastor Dewey Miller

Hymn "Silent Night" # 239

Vs. 1 in German - Emily Z.D. Musgrave (All welcome to sing along)

vs. 1 - 4 - Emily Z.D. Musgrave, Melissa Counts & Lee Musgrave (and Congregation)

Benediction Pastor Dewey Miller

Postlude "For Unto Us with Joy to the World" arr. Keith Christopher

<sup>\*</sup> Please keep the lighted candle vertical and tilt the unlit candle to spread the light