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Welcome and Lighting the Advent Candles

Prelude: Variation Pastorales Sur Un Vieux Noel (Marcel Samuel-Rousseau)  Amy Wilkins, Harp

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THE OFFERTORY
The Chancel Choir Quartet
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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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THE FIRST LESSON Luke 2:8-16
CAROL #240 United Methodist Hymnal — Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER
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THE BENEDICTION
Rev. Patricia Farris

THE POSTLUDE
Fugue on Auld Lang Syne (Eugene Thayer) Ty Woodward, Organ

Chancel Choir Quartet: Barbara Smith, Vera Lugo, William Martinez, Ryan Brown; Amy Wilkins, Harp; Ty Woodward, organ.
—We are enlivened and empowered by the everlasting power of God’s rainbow of love and light. This is a moment to grow in generosity and joyful hearts. Let’s stay steady, and be faithful and creative, offering all the gifts with which we have been blessed to hold one another through these times. Be sure to check the church website for updates on worship and ministry opportunities: www.santamonicaumc.org.

—Thank you to Mike Eskridge for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary. To donate to the flower fund, or to send flowers to go to home-bound seniors, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—Prayer Quilts: If there is a prayer quilt during service, you may call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; she will let you know the requested prayers: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rold@santamonicaumc.org. Prayers will be collected Tuesday – Friday of the following week, and the prayer knots will be tied by the church staff. To request a Prayer Quilt in the New Year, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

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ONLINE Worship • First Sunday after Christmas • Family Service • December 27, 2020

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