



Christmas Eve Family Service

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GATHERING MUSIC

Ty Woodward, organ

WELCOME

Cavan Rold and Jamie Jones

All children are welcome to worship. There is also an area labeled "Kids Zone" in the back of the sanctuary that is open to all parents with small children if needed during tonight's worship. You may sit or play with your children and still participate in the service from this area. Please see one of the ushers if you need assistance or a changing station.

RESPONSIVE READING

Dominic Rold

Do not be afraid; for see - I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.

To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest.

And peace to all who find rest in Him.

CHRISTMAS CAROL Joy to the World *(see insert for hymns)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Dane, Sarah, Dominic, Cavan and Marc Rold; Claudia and Phil Flanders

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star that guided shepherds and wise people to the holy baby. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we may follow to new life in you. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Tricia Guerrero

We thank you for your generous support for the mission and ministries of the congregation. You will find an envelope in the pew rack for your Christmas Offering. The offering plates will be passed to gather our gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC." You may give online or find out more information at www.santamonicaumc.org.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Meg Smith

Carols and Hymns

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Away in a Manger

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King
of Israel.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

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.

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!



A Christmas Story

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Kate and Jojo Beckerman

#217 United Methodist Hymnal – Away in a Manger

As we sing, the Holy Family will make their way toward the steps at the front of the Church.

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Holy Family

Megan Crawford

MESSAGE ABOUT THE HOLY FAMILY

Tricia Guerrero

#238 UMH – Angels We Have Heard on High

As we sing, all angels are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Angels

Henry Seibold

MESSAGE ABOUT THE ANGELS

Jamie Jones

After the message, all angels may return to their seats.

#245 UMH – The First Noel

As we sing, all shepherds and sheep are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

READING FROM LUKE The Entrance of the Shepherds & Sheep

Calvin Stanfill

MESSAGE ABOUT THE SHEPHERDS

Tricia Guerrero

After the message, all shepherds and sheep may return to their seats.

#254 UMH – We Three Kings

As we sing, all Magi are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

READING FROM MATTHEW The Entrance of the Magi

Ashton Stanfill

MESSAGE ABOUT THE MAGI

Jamie Jones

After the message, all Magi may return to their seats.

#251 UMH – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

THE ENTRANCE OF YOU AND ME

Hovey Family

CLOSING HYMN Silent Night, Holy Night

As we sing, all are invited to come and visit the Holy Family and are invited to go in peace.

Go forth this Christmas Eve in God's love and peace.

Please return your costumes to the table in front of the church entrance as you leave.

Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries: Tricia Guerrero
Children's Ministries Coordinator: Jamie Jones
First UMC Preschool Director: Dee Menzies
Senior Minister: Rev. Patricia Farris
Music Director: Dr. Jim Smith
Organ: Ty Woodward
Holy Family: Amy, Dave and Finnley Ciolek

Welcome! We count it a privilege and a blessing to worship with you on this joyous Christmas Eve. If you come as a guest, we hope you will leave as a friend.

Through your support, our community flourishes and we are able to provide a place of belonging for all, along with opportunities to grow in God's unconditional love. For information on the ministries and events of First UMC Santa Monica, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org, or download the First UMC App (go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM).

First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

This is a moment to grow in generosity and joyful hearts, offering all the gifts with which we have been blessed to hold one another through these times. Stewardship: It's not too late to turn in your 2023 pledge - you may pledge online at: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship, or mail in your pledge card. Thank you!

Christmas Prayer

May God's light shine brightly in your hearts, experiencing a renewed sense of God's love and healing presence in your life. For the light shining in the darkness, shining persistently and magnificently, heralds the dawn of a new day. In the Christ Child is born the fullness of life, joy, and peace for all. Amen.