

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024

WE SET OFF

Prelude J. Burkett
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Gathering & Announcements
Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes

LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

Call to Worship
[The People read bold print.]
The journey of life requires the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shining out into the world.
On our way to Bethlehem, we search for the star that lights the path.
The road can be difficult, and the search for home can be elusive.
We are a people who look for Good News for all people.
There are milestones – stars and markers – that can guide us to a better day.
God’s light goes before us; we are not alone.

*Carol “Joy to the World” UMH 246
*The Peace Pastor Cheryl
Children’s Message Pastor Cheryl
Carol “What Child Is This” UMH 219
(vs. 1-2)

The Story Continues

Lesson from Isaiah
This is a Word from God for all people.
Thanks be to God.
Carols UMH 218
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
“The First Noel” (vs. 1) UMH 245
Lesson from Luke
This is a Word from God for all people.
Thanks be to God.
Carols UMH 230
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238
Lesson from John John 1:1-5
This is a Word from God for all people.
Thanks be to God.
Message Pastor Cheryl
The Manger: A Place at the Table
Invitation to Giving Pastor Cheryl
Offertory S. Calderone
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
Invitation to Christ’s Table
[The table is open to all people.]
Confession/Words of Assurance
The Great Thanksgiving
Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Lord’s Prayer
Prayer after Receiving

*Carol “Silent Night” UMH 239
*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
Leave in Silence
* Stand as you are able



Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is Operacion Abrigo. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Operacion Abrigo” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray Pastor
Julio Villeda, Music Director
John Burkett, Organist
J. M. Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

Our Church

Join us for Sunday Service at 10:00
First Thursday Luncheon (Jan 2) at noon
Adult Choir starts Weds. Jan. 8 at 7:00
Children's Choir starts Weds. Jan. 15 at 3:30
Worship on Weds. Starts Jan. 15 and will be
Confirmation for all ages
Youth meets at 6:00 on Weds.

Our Blessings Table feeds our homeless
community. Please feel free to take if you are in
need and to give if you are able.

Upcoming Activities

Dec. 23-27 --Little Ark closed
--Church Office Closed
Dec. 29 --Doughnuts and such after Service



Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children's Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Julio Villeda
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano

PRAYER list

- Our world, country and leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
 - Family of Linda Helton
 - Bill Knutson (hip replacement)
 - Debbie Dunham
 - Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth Warren
 - Rev. Sam Caldwell (hip replacement)
 - Orvis Reynolds
 - Judy Rudoff
 - Diane Garcia
 - Bill Heitholt
 - Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts' mother
 - Danny Duncan
 - Mike Smith
 - Betty Martin
 - Anna Blohm
 - Rose Stapleton
 - Carlos Rickman
 - Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
 - Jack Gray
 - Richard Young
 - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
 - Manuel Harrison
 - Georgia Gholston
 - Melanie & Judy Cortea
 - Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
 - Robert Seay
 - Rita Thompson



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7:00 pm. Sanctuary