

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

December 24, 2022 ☩ Christmas Eve Worship

Introit: "In The Bleak Midwinter" (Performed by Glenn & Diane Smeaton)

Opening Words of Welcome

A Word About Our Christmas Fund Offering

A Christmas Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" #135 NCH vs. 1-2

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now to Bethlehem.
Come and behold the ruler of all angels;

Refrain:

O come in adoration,
O come in adoration,
O come in adoration: Christ is Lord!

2 God of true God, Light of true Light
born of the Virgin's womb in human form;
Truly our God, begotten, not created: [Refrain]

Isaiah's Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness -
on them light has shined.

For unto us a child has been born,
unto us a son has been given;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

This one's authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

Lighting the Advent & Christmas Candles

Special Music: “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Arranged and performed by Gabe Lemke

The Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7

An Anthem From Our Choir: “Night of Silence” (by Danial Kantor)

The Christmas Story Continues: Luke 2:8-20

Special Music: A Christmas Adaptation of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” Anne Gerke, soloist

The Christmas Story told by Kids & Adults from Southside Christian Church (video)

Poem: “Sometimes I Wonder” By Kaitlyn Shetler

Christmas Song: “Away In A Manger” NCH #124 (vs. 1-2)

1 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.

2 The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; protect me, I pray,
and stay by my side until night turns to day.

A Message from Martha Olsen and Pastor Bryan

Candle Lighting as we sing “Silent Night” NCH #134

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Repeat verse 1

Hymn for Departing: "Joy To The World" NCH # 132 (vs. 1-2)

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth its praises bring;
Let every heart prepare Christ room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.