

First United Methodist Church

December 24, 2011, 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Prelude and Entrance of the Light

*Call to Worship Neil Henderson

*The true light that enlightens everyone came into the world.
And that light shines in the darkness, but darkness has not over come it.*

**He was in the world, and the world was made through
Him, yet the world knew Him not.**

He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not.

**But to all who received Him, who believed in His name,
He gave the power to become children of God.**

An Anthem of Witness *Fall On Your Knees* Choir

Call to Confession Neil Henderson

Prayer of Confession Congregation

**O Christ, Your wonderful birth is meaningless unless we
are born again.
Your death is meaningless unless we die to sin.
Your resurrection is meaningless if You only have been
raised and not ourselves.
Bring us now to such love for You that we may enjoy You
forever, for all things in the heavens and in the earth are
Yours eternally.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance from I John 4:7-9 Neil Henderson

The Coming of the Christ Child Elise Velez

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY (leader):
*For behold, I bring you good news of Great Joy!
Unto you is born this day, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!*

THE PEOPLE REJOICE (congregation):
O come let us adore Him! Christ the Savior is born!

Lighting the Christ Candle of the Advent Wreath
Christina & Jason Brown

Song of Adoration *Away In A Manger* CLUB 3:16 (Youth)

Scripture Lesson *Luke 2:1-20* Buddy Jones

A Christmas Story Rev. Willis Dear

The Carols of Christmas
What Child is This UMH 219 (1,3)
O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 219 (1,4)

Christmas Offering

*The Great Thanksgiving *[Please follow on screen]*

Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Wine Rev. Dear and Keith Jodon

Prayer of St. Francis Congregation
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we have been born to eternal life. Amen.

*A Hymn of Remembrance and Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night

UMH 239 (All)

*A Hymn of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Joy to the World

UMH 246 (1,4)

*Benediction

Rev. Willis Dear

* The Congregation is Invited to Stand UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
ACOLYTES: CALEB JOHNSON and PARKER JODON

Christ, the savior is born!

To You, Our Guest: We're delighted you're here! If you are simply visiting the area and are worshiping with us tonight, we hope you return again. If you are seeking a church home, we would be privileged if you chose FUMC Eunice. For more information about the church, please complete an information card (located in each pew) and place it in the offering plate.

WE PROVIDE A NURSERY for children under the age of five. The nursery is located near the kitchen.

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SUNDAYS 9:30am, Sunday School
 11:00am, Morning Worship
 3:00pm, Choir Rehearsal
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