# United Church OF THE San Juans

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2024 4:30 p.m.



### A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS, CANDLES AND CAROLS

GATHERING MUSIC

#### Stepping into Wonder: Preludes

The First Noel O Christmas Tree Christmas Time is Here Little Drummer Boy

(Vince Guaraldi)) (Vince Guaraldi and Lee Mendelson) (Katherine Kennicott Davis) Alex Birck, Piano Katy Kristoffersen, Piano Youth Choir Youth Choir

THE WELCOME AND OPENING SCRIPTURE

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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CARO	L <b># 18</b> 4	What Child Is This?	(William C. Dix, words	s; English melody, 16th c.)		
	All Verses			Congregation		
LIGHT	TING OF THE ADV	ENT CANDLES				
SPECI	al Music	Still, Still, Still/Away in	a Manger (Arr. Lloyd Larson)	Bell Choir		
PRAYE	ER			Tim Spangler		
Speci	AL MUSIC	<b>Carol of the Bells</b> Youth and Adult Choir	Peter J. Wilhousky, words; M	lykola Leontovych, music)		
A REA	DING FROM SCRI	PTURE Luk	e 2:1-7	Gini Barker		
	world. (This was	8	hat a census should be taken of while Quirinius was governor o			
	So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.					
CARO	L#185 H	ark! the Herald Angels Sing	g (Charles Wesley, words; Fel	ix Mendelssohn, music)		
	All Verses			Congregation		
A REA	DING FROM SCRI	PTURE L	uke 2:8-15	Pam Larson		
	<ul> <li>"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.</li> <li>"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,</li> <li>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."</li> <li>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."</li> </ul>					
CARO	L <b># 188</b>	Angels We Have	heard on High	(French carol, 18th c.)		
	All Verses			Congregation		
A REA	DING FROM SCR	IPTURE L	uke 2:15-20	Joan Moyer		
	they had seen him all who heard it w things and ponde	n, they spread the word concer rere amazed at what the sheph	, and the baby, who was lying in ming what had been told them a erds said to them. But Mary trea pherds returned, glorifying and just as they had been told.	bout this child, and sured up all these		

CAROL # 191 IT Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Edmund H. Sears, words; Richard S. Willis, music)

#### **A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Bob McDaniel

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel.""

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

CAROL # 182 O	Come, All Ye Faithful	(Attr. John F. Wade)
All Verses		Congregation
A TIME FOR REFLECTION		Melinda Veatch
CALL FOR OFFERING AND SPECIAL MUSIC	C <b>O Holy Night</b> Youth and Adult Choir	(Placide Cappean, text; Adolphe Adam, music)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born! O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing heart by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend;

He knows our need, he guards us from all danger. Behold your King; before him lowly bend! Behold your king; before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise his holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

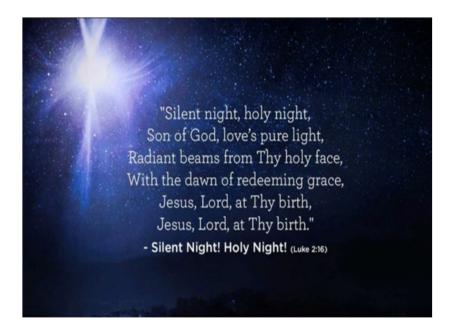
SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Silent Night ! Holy Night	! (Joseph Mohr, words; Franz Gruber, music)	
Carol # 186	All Verses	Congregation	
BLESSING			
Carol # 179	Joy to the World	(Isaac Watts words; George Frideric Handel, music)	
Verses 1, 2, and 4		Congregation	
POSTLUDE	<b>Skating</b> (Vince Guaraldi)	Katy Kristoffersen	

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#### Matthew 2:1-12

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- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.



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