

Children's Christmas Eve Service



December 24, 2025

11:00 am



BIRMINGHAM FIRST
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

PRELUDE

The prelude is a special time of music that gently prepares our hearts for the service. It's a moment for quiet reflection, allowing us to listen and open ourselves to hear God's voice.

WELCOME

Pastor Rachael Dunlap, Associate Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Harper Bassett: Jingle Bells (piano); Elliot Bassett: We Three Kings (piano)



🎵 OPENING HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful (Congregation stands and sings)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!*

*O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*



CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leaders

Beth Torrey, Dayna Ratliff, Megan Klapp



THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Kristin and Jordan Snyder



THE STORY BEGINS: An Angel Visits Mary

Narrators
Mary

*Harper Bassett, Jed Dunlap, Addy Kissel
Clara Janisch*

Angel Gabriel
Joseph

Emmy Kissel
Dylan Bachmann

 **A SPECIAL VISIT HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High (Congregation Sings)*

*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, Gloria in excelsis Deo*



THE STORY CONTINUES: The Journey to Bethlehem

Narrators
Donkey

Jed Dunlap, Addy Kissel
Nicolas Salciccioli

 **THE BIG JOURNEY HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem (Congregation Sings)*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.*



THE STORY CONTINUES...

Narrators
Innkeeper

Harper Bassett, Jed Dunlap
Lila Warren



PINE TREE PARABLE MOMENT: A HEART READY TO GIVE

Leaders
Pine Tree

Harrison Klapp, Charlotte Torrey
Elodie Green

THE STORY CONTINUES: Jesus is Born

Narrators	<i>Harper Bassett</i>
Mary	<i>Clara Janisch</i>
Joseph	<i>Dylan Bachmann</i>
Star	<i>Natalie Salciccioli</i>

🎵 THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS HYMN *Away in the Manger (Congregation Sings)*

*Away in
The little
The stars
The little*



*a manger, no crib for a bed.
Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
in the sky looked down where he lay,
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 side till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with You there*



PINE TREE PARABLE MOMENT: GIVING FROM THE HEART

Leaders	<i>Harrison Klapp, Charlotte Torrey</i>
Pine Tree	<i>Elodie Green</i>

THE STORY CONTINUES: Angels Sing! Shepherds hear the good news

Narrator	<i>Addy Kissel</i>
Angel Gabriel	<i>Emmy Kissel</i>



🎵 THE ANGELS SING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Congregation Sings)*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"*



THE STORY CONTINUES...

Narrator *Harper Bassett*
Shepherd *Elliot Bassett*



PINE TREE PARABLE MOMENT: A SHINING STAR

Leaders *Harrison Klapp, Charlotte Torrey*
Pine Tree *Elodie Green*



THE STORY CONTINUES: The Wisemen follow the star and bring gifts for the King

Narrator *Jed Dunlap*
Wiseperson *Helen Alexander*

🎵 A STAR LEADS THE WAY HYMN *We Three Kings (Congregation Sings)*

*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.*



PINE TREE PARABLE MOMENT: SHINING WITH LIGHT

Leaders *Harrison Klapp, Charlotte Torrey*
Pine Tree *Elodie Green*

CHRISTMAS ECHO PRAYER (Congregation responds in BOLD)

Leader: Here in the stable, Jesus was born. **Thank you God for Baby Jesus.**

Leader: All the animals to keep Him warm. **Thank you God for Baby Jesus.**

Leader: A star (TWINKLE!) that can light the way. **Thank you God for Baby Jesus.**

Leader: Here is the baby asleep on the hay. **Thank you God for Baby Jesus.**

Leader: A simple evergreen tree shines the light of Christmas night **Thank you God for Baby Jesus**

Leader: A gift of God's love (wave your hearts!) that is so bright. **Thank you God for Baby Jesus**

THE OFFERTORY

Oh Christmas Tree

Vocalists:

Kristin and Jordan Snyder

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Rachael Dunlap

🎵 CLOSING HYMN *Silent 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 light, 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!*



THE BENEDICTION

Pastor Rachael Dunlap

THE POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshiping with us this Christmas Eve!



Many Thanks to our Cast and Helpers (In order of appearance)

Musicians: *Kristin and Jordan Snyder (Piano, Vocals), Harper and Elliot Bassett (Piano)*

Associate Pastor: *Pastor Rachael Dunlap*

Worship Leaders: *Beth Torrey, Dayna Ratliff, Megan Klapp, Kristin and Jordan Snyder (Candles)*

Angels: *Elliot Brooks, Charlotte and Nora Christensen, Carmen Holton, Evie Nordhaus, Cassie Sabourin, Faith Torrey*

Little Shepherds: *Ben Alexander, Arthur Green, Elijah Torrey, Harrison Urban*

Sheep: *Gordie and Ty Bassett, Judson Brooks, Joey Nordhaus*

Camel: *Josephine Torrey*

Narrators: *Harper Bassett, Jed Dunlap, Addy Kissel*

Mary: *Clara Janisch*

Angel Gabriel: *Emmy Kissel*

Joseph: *Dylan Bachmann*

Donkey: *Nicolas Salciccioli*

Innkeeper: *Lila Warren*

Pine Tree Parable Leaders: *Harrison Klapp, Charlotte Torrey*

Pine Tree: *Elodie Green*

Star: *Natalie Salciccioli*

Shepherd: *Elliot Bassett*

Wiseperson: *Helen Alexander*



Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate this joyful season, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the love, support, and commitment you have shown to our Children and Family Ministries. Your presence at Birmingham and Berkley First brings warmth and joy, and we are truly blessed to have you as part of our church family. To all who attended and participated in our Christmas Eve service, thank you for sharing in this special time of worship and celebration.

*Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with peace, love, and the hope of Christ's birth. May the New Year bring blessings, joy, and continued growth as we look forward to seeing you at church in the year ahead. **Children and Family Ministries - Beth Torrey, Megan Klapp, Dayna Ratliff***



SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 - 19, 2026

Birmingham First: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Christian Life Center (CLC)

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Packed with hands-on Scieny-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, catchy Bible songs, and tasty snacks, this engaging program offers more than just fun. It provides kids with a solid spiritual foundation, teaching them to see God at work in their everyday lives through "God Sightings®." It's an exciting journey through God's creation, helping children grow deep roots of faith and trust in the One who will never let them go.

Registration for Rainforest Falls VBS will open in early 2026—So grab your gear and watch for more details on how to swing into the wildest faith adventure yet—Rainforest Falls!

Questions? Contact Children and Family Ministries Co-Director, Megan Klapp at mklapp@fumcbirmingham.org

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