

THE CAROL OF LIGHT #239

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

(After singing the final verse of Silent Night,
feel free to remain seated
for a time of peaceful solitude
or you may quietly depart from the sanctuary.
Extinguish your candle before leaving,
then, place the candles in the baskets
at the exits of the sanctuary.)



We extend a joyous Merry Christmas to you and your family
May the celebration of Christmas shine in your heart
and give light and peace to your life!

Merry Christmas!



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Sunday, December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
5:30 p.m.



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*Sunday,
December 24, 2023*

5:30 p.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Organist: Jolene Kuhl

 *Please stand, as you are able*

Gathering & Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Celebrate Our Love for God

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING CALL TO WORSHIP

The night was dark.

A baby lay in a manger.

The night was still.

Angels sang to shepherds.

The night was expectant.

God's glory shone brightly.

On this night,

let us rejoice in the gift of love.

 CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE

UMH #246 - *"Joy to the World"*

 CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Holy One, open our hearts to receive the true gift of Christmas. May the stillness of your peace wash over us. May we encounter hope born anew. We are here, waiting for you, ready to receive your gift of love. Be with us now, as we come and adore the newborn child. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PRAISE UMH #236 - *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Christmas Story

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

PRAISE

UMH #230 - *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE

"Little Drummer Boy"
Duet: Erin Lorenz (solo) & Evan Lorenz (trumpet)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Kylee Shirbroun, reader
Luke 2:1-20

The Celebration of the Savior's Birth

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

"Up On the Housetop"

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE

"O Holy Night"
Solo by Elizabeth Bushard - Accompanied by Jolene Kuhl

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

(lit while "O Holy Night" is being sung)

(As a way to prevent wax damage and encourage safety.
slide your cup down the candle
for the purpose of lighting your candle.
Once lit, slide the cup up to fully enclose the flame.)



Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of Deborah Nickel & Jeffrey Nickel
The Nickel Families

In Memory of Garvin & Marjorie Soderholm
John & Pam Soderholm & Family
Eldon & Susan Bents & Family

In Memory of Marvin & Trena DeVries
John & Pam Soderholm & Family

In Memory of Lin Galland, Don & Maxine Galland,
& Alice Stauffacher
Nancy Galland

In Memory of Lyle & Edna Vigoren & Irv Flinck
Daren & Nancy Flinck

In Memory of Henry & LaVonne Pfeil
In Memory of Ray & Vernice Kuhl
Burdell & Jolene Kuhl

In Memory of Aunt Phyllis Lambert
Tim, Kari & Claire Meyer

In Memory of Richard & Claribel Grussing
Myron Grussing

In Memory of My Husband Dwaine Kruse
Wilma Kruse

In Memory of Jill Scherr, LaDonna & Anita Carlson
Lowell Carlson

In Memory of Loved Ones
Bob & Deb Horne



Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of Loved Ones
Dennis & Cheryl Bonsma

In Memory of Lawrence Loger
Donald & Robin Erlandson

In Memory of Frank Gravon, Jr. & Jeffrey F Gravon
Joyce Gravon

In Memory of Braiden & Janet Belz
First Church Congregation

In Memory of Anne Doeden and Loved Ones
Larry Doeden

In Memory of Our Parents Chester & Violet Hill
and Leroy & Doris Ekedahl
Andy & Cindy Ekedahl

In Memory of Dean & Diane Yahnke
Dick & Denise Schlichte

In Memory of Joy Buck, Fred Buck,
Opal Buck and Dan Jukich
Virgle Buck

In Memory of Loved Ones
David & Lorraine Carstensen

In Memory of Bruce & Dorothy Lease
Kevin & Kami Lease & Family

In Memory of Mother Clara Louise McBurney-Swanson
& Father Glen Clifford Swanson
Elizabeth Bushard

