

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Mendelssohn/Smith

+OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God,  
Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
just as we wait for his coming in glory.  
Bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
so that, with her we will see our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

[Based upon the Collect prayer for this Sunday in the Church of England]

+HYMN

*Once In Royal David's City*

# 250

KIDS TIME

*Advent Candle Song*  
(stanza 4)

#2090

ANTHEM

*Upon the Wind There Comes a Song*

Sanctuary Choir

Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing, a long-expected hymn of hope, a dream that, from long ago, was ringing! From ancient times, great prayers would rise, the silent stars imploring. But now the music of a thousand harps, above our doubt, is soaring. Upon the wind there comes a song, from heaven's heart is flowing. Like sacred snow, it falls on all, God's gentle peace bestowing. And every scar becomes a star, and every wound finds healing. Each flawless phrase is rich with grace, God's perfect love revealing. Awake, your song has come. Arise and tune your heart for service. For with the rising of the sun, your life at last will find its purpose. The night is done, the day begun, the dawn is gold with glory! For God is singing to the world His love, and calls us all to share the story. Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing!

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-25

+ACCLAMATION

*Gloria Patri*

# 70

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*The Not-So-Silent Night*

+HYMN

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

# 206

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

Announcements

Offertory

Doxology

*Noel Nouvelet*

arr. Lasky

# 94

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ CLOSING SONG

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

# 230

BENEDICTION

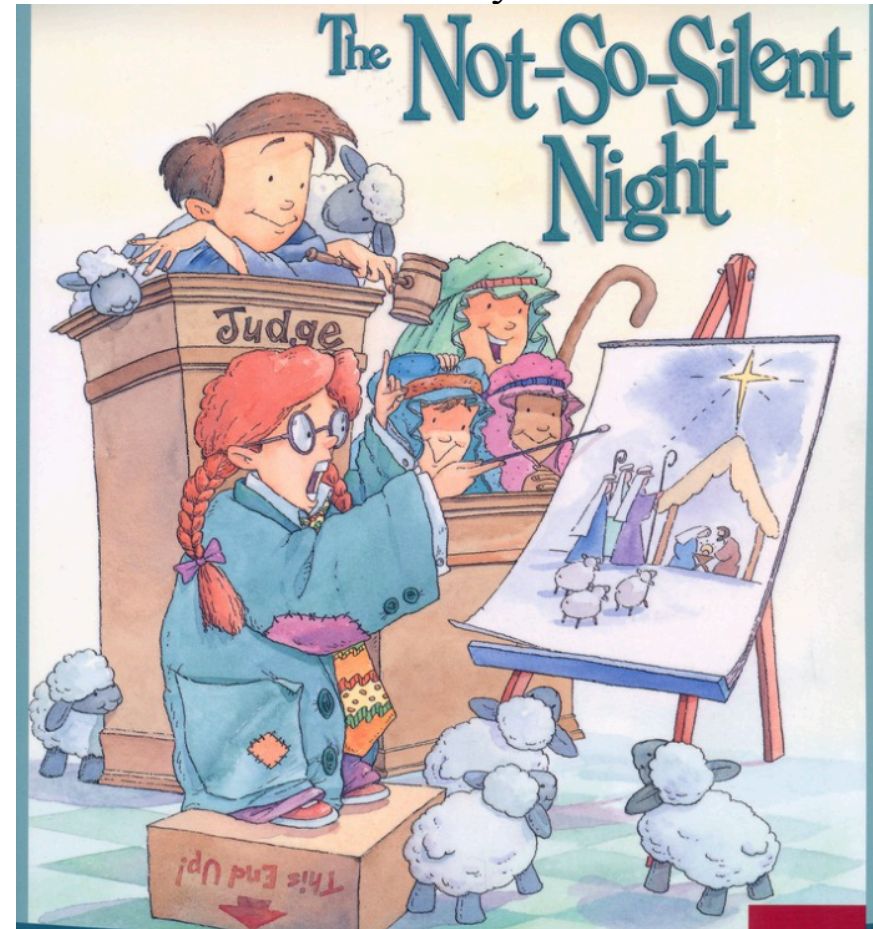
POSTLUDE

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Arr. Rogers

# Service of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent



21 December 2025

Monticello  
United Methodist Church