

**Memorial United Methodist Church  
Christmas Eve - December 24, 2017 at 4pm**

*A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!  
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.*

*\* Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *What Child is This?* by Darwin Wolford

\* OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

***GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*** by Joel Raney

\* RESPONSIVE LITANY

During our Advent journey we've anticipated the coming Savior. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** We've anticipated the One who is called Wonderful Counselor. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** We've anticipated the One who is called Mighty King. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** We've anticipated the One who is called Prince of Peace. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** We've anticipated the One who is called Everlasting Father. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!** Tonight our waiting is over as we celebrate the One who is Emmanuel, our God, who is with us. **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

\* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\* PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Tonight as we celebrate your birth, we thank you for being our Emmanuel. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we've been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Savior and Lord. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN *The First Noel* UMH 245

DRAMATIZATION *A Night for Dancing* by Hal Hopson

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* by John Benke

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* UMH 246

\* CHRISTMAS SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* by Dale Wood

(Holy Communion is offered in the Noah's Ark Room following the Service.)

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Sun., Dec. 24 - **MATTHEW 5:14-16** *Christmas Eve*

Mon., Dec. 25 - **MATTHEW 5:43-48** *Christmas Day*

Tue., Dec. 26 - **PSALM 16:7-11** *Lots of Living to Do*

Wed., Dec. 27 - **PSALM 107:1-8** *A Moving Experience*

Thu., Dec. 28 - **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** *Christmas is Not Over*

Fri., Dec. 29 - **JEREMIAH 29:10-14** *Still Loving and Caring*

Sat., Dec. 30 - **PHILIPPIANS 1:20-22** *The Focal Point*

**Upcoming Happenings**

<b>SUN - DEC 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4pm - 5pm 8pm - 9pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
<b>MON - FRI</b> <b>DEC 25 TO 29</b>	<b><i>Merry Christmas!</i></b> All Activities Cancelled	
<b>SUN - DEC 31</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>MON - JAN 1</b>	9am 7:30pm - 9pm	Bulletin Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal-CANCELLED
<b>TUE - JAN 2</b>	7:30pm - 9pm	Men's Group Meeting
<b>WED - JAN 3</b>	5pm - 6pm 7:30pm - 9pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN - JAN 7</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:15am - 10:15am 10:30am - 11:30am	Sunday School Worship Service

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May you know  
 the comfort and  
 joy of God's presence  
 this Christmas season  
 and always!

DECEMBER  
 24  
 2017  
 FAMILY  
 SERVICE



North Star Maze

Help Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem by completing the North Star maze below



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