

**Children's Christmas Eve Service 4 PM**  
**UMH- United Methodist Hymnal**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering Music *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: God of children, babies, families, and all people;  
Fill the skies with light and song!

**People: Come, fill our hearts with wonder and peace.**

Pastor: On this day, a window to heaven opens  
and we catch a glimpse of God's amazing love.

**People: A love that comes as a child.**

Pastor: Oh, let the angels sing and let our hearts rejoice.

**People: Let our lives be filled anew with hope.**  
**We praise our newborn King!**

\*Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful v. 1 & 3* UMH 234

\*Advent Wreath and Christ Candle The Glaser Family

Leader: God's love is coming into the world.

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: A mother and a father finally find rest in a barn . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: Angels sing and shepherds run . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: The stars shone bright and the Wise Men began their journey . . .

**People: The birthday boy is coming!**

Leader: This day, we joyfully light the Christ Candle,  
remembering when God's love came down at the birth of the King. God loves us!

**People: The birthday boy is here! Joy to the World!**

\*Hymn *Joy to the World* UMH 246

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 Caroline Coltrin

Prayer

**God of Surprising Love and Hope,  
we come this day to the manger,  
gazing lovingly on the Child born  
to bring hope to the world.**

**Open our hearts as we hear the story anew.  
Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ,  
that we may truly feel the power of Your love  
and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

Offertory *The Friendly Beasts* Franconia Players' Puppet Ministry

## Sharing the Christmas Story

|                                       |                                               |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hymn                                  | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1</i>        | UMH 230                     |
| The Stable                            |                                               | The Donkey and Cow          |
| God gives Good News                   |                                               | Angel Gabriel               |
| Hymn                                  | <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear v. 1</i>   | UMH 218                     |
| The Angel Shares the Good News        |                                               | Mary, Joseph and Donkey     |
| Hymn                                  | <i>Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1</i>      | UMH 238                     |
| The Child is Born                     |                                               |                             |
| Hymn                                  | <i>Away in a Manger v. 1</i>                  | UMH 217                     |
| The Sky Rejoices!                     |                                               | Angels                      |
| Hymn                                  | <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing v. 1</i>       | UMH 240                     |
| Sharing the Good News                 |                                               | The Shepherds and the Sheep |
| Hymn                                  | <i>The First Noel v. 1</i>                    | UMH 245                     |
| From Far Away The Magi Come!          |                                               | Magi and the Camels         |
| Hymn                                  | <i>We Three Kings v. 1</i>                    | UMH 254                     |
| Good News for ALL the world!          |                                               |                             |
| Hymn                                  | <i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice v. 1</i>    | UMH 224                     |
| Our Lord is born! We share the light! |                                               |                             |
| *Hymn                                 | <i>Silent Night v. 1</i>                      | UMH 239                     |
| Celebrate! Our Lord Has Come!         |                                               |                             |
| *Song                                 | <i>How Could It be a Silent Night (video)</i> |                             |
| *Blessing                             |                                               | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller  |
| *Postlude                             | <i>What Child Is This?</i>                    | June Shuffett               |