

Christmas on Franconia Road
Franconia UMC Christmas Cantata
10:00 am Worship, December 18, 2022
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal
* Stand in body or spirit

Prelude *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

**Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.
Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.
Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.
We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.
A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!**

Prayer

**To the voices no one hears, we have come to find you
with your laughter and your tears, goodness, hope and virtue.
Fam'ly, parents, children, friends; each a treasure be.
Four candles' light dispels the night; now our eyes can see.
Burning brighter than the sun, God bless us everyone!**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Aikman Family

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of the People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

Offering *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* June Shuffett

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 12-15

Peggy Brown

Homily

Christmas Future: Discovering Joy Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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Program

O Come to the Manger

Patrick Liebergen

A Christmas Meditation

Bruce Bartolain, Reader

Mack Wilberg

Congregation Carol: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* – UMH 234

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Bill Ingram

Winter Carol

Lily Owusu-Ansah, Mezzo-Soprano
Susan Huffaker, Flute

Sherri Porterfield

Come, See This Child in Bethlehem

Linda Lamb

Congregation Carol: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* – UMH 229

Hush, Little Baby

Gene Grier & Ruth Elaine Schram

What Songs Were Sung

Bob Shuffett, Tenor

John Jacob Niles

Wonder of Christmas

Bill Ingram

Congregation Carol: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* – UMH 218

Wexford Carol

Joey Hoelscher

O Holy Night

Jay Althouse

Evelyn Lucas, Soprano

Infant Redeemer

Anna Laura Page

Congregation Carol: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* – UMH 224

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

June Shuffett