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M E R R Y
Christmas

December 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM
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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
**Stand in body or in spirit.*

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* June Shuffett

Welcome Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Choral Introit** *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love* Chancel Choir

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** [The](#) Hamilton Family

Leader: Hope looked down and saw darkness.

People: "I will go there," said Hope

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

People: "I will go there," said Peace.

Leader: Joy looked down and saw despair.

People: "I will go there," said Joy.

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.

People: "I will go there," said Love.

Leader: [So](#) the Hope of the World, the Prince of Peace, the Child of Joy, the King of Love
came down and crept in beside us.

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: O Holy God,

You come in flesh bringing salvation to all,

Your glory is made known in this newborn child,

the Light of the World.

Tonight, we join the choirs of angels in singing Your praise.

Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome You!

People: Let us come and see what God has done.

Come, let us adore Him.

***Hymn** *O, Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

Christmas Prayers Sarah Chambers

Offering *Breath of Heaven* Sarah Chambers & Amy McCarthy

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lessons & Carols

CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v.1 & 3) UMH 240

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Kathy Henry

CAROL O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1 & 4) UMH 211

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 Jordan Biscardo

CAROL It Came upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1 & 4) UMH 218

THIRD LESSON CAROL	Luke 1:26-35, 38 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 4)	Sam Patricola UMH 230
FOURTH LESSON CAROL	Luke 2:1-7 Away in Manger (v. 1 & 3)	Kathy Henry <u>UMH 217</u>
FIFTH LESSON CAROL	Luke 2:8-16 The First Noel (v. 1-2)	Jordan Biscardo UMH 245
HOMILY	<i>The Stable</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
SPECIAL MUSIC	Welcome to Our World	Quartet
Invitation to the Table		Sarah Chambers
Confession of Sin		<u>See Screen</u>
Words of Pardon		
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 17
The Lord's Prayer		
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,		
Thy kingdom come, <u>Thy</u> 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.		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Musical Reflection During Communion	<i>Canticle of Peace</i>	Chancel Choir
Prayer After Communion		
Gospel Reading	John 1: 1-5; 14	Dan Dickinson
Hymn with Spreading of the Light	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	<u>See Screen</u>
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Congregational Postlude	<u>Joy to the World (all verses)</u>	UMH 246
Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Franconia Musica



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.
We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.
We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.
We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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