

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
Sundays at 10am

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

9 a.m.



#Reflection Points

Sign up to receive weekly events, happenings, and prayer lists each Thursday.

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Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



**WELCOME TO
WORSHIP!**

Advent Candlelighters: Chishiba Family
Readers: Colby UMC Youth
Organist/Pianist: Pat Ziegelmeier
Special Music: Jo Kraus
Bruce Frahm
Karla Haggard
Monica Miller
Chancel Choir



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Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

Prelude—Lighting of the Candles “Carols of Christmas” Pat Ziegelmeier

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Rodgers

† **Hymn Solo** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1,6) UMH #234

Greeting

Do not be afraid.

Look – I am bringing you Good News of a great joy for all the people:

To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

† **Duet** “O Holy Night” Jo Kraus & Bruce Frahm

† **Advent Reading** Chishiba Family

† **Opening Prayer** In unison

Send, O God,

**Into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of Your Son.**

**Let the star of Your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;**

**And so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed
to us,**

**as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where He dwelled,**

**Who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord and
Savior. Amen.**

† **Duet** “Breath of Heaven” Karla Haggard & Monica Miller

† **The Bidding Prayer**

Lessons & Carols

1st Lesson **Genesis 22¹⁵⁻¹⁸**

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.

Carol “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1, 2, 4 #211

2nd Lesson **Isaiah 9^{2, 6-7}**

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #230

3rd Lesson **Luke 1^{26-35, 38}**

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God’s promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

Carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” vs. 1,2 #238

4th Lesson **Luke 2¹⁻⁷**

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Solo “Midnight Noel” Jo Kraus

5th Lesson **Luke 2⁸⁻¹⁶**

The Shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

Carol “The First Noel” vs 1, 2 #245

6th Lesson **Matthew 2¹⁻¹¹**

The wisemen follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol “We Three Kings” vs 2, 3, 4 #254

7th Lesson **John 1¹⁻¹⁴**

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

† **Music** “Noel” Chancel Choir

† **Meditation** Luke 2¹⁻⁷ Pastor Rodgers

† **Music** “Mary, Did You Know” Chancel Choir

Offering

***The Sharing of the Light of Jesus Christ - (Piano Playing)**

† **Closing Hymn** “Silent Night” UMH# 239

Sending Forth

Postlude “In Excelsis Deo” Pat Ziegelmeier