

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.			Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 & 3) Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies With th' angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"			UMH #240
Gathering Music	Prelude on “Gloria”	Jason Payne	The Shepherd’s Journey	Luke 2:15-20		
Welcome			Carol	The First Noel	arr. Dan Forrest	
Call to Worship	We give you thanks, O God, for the light this season brings. This night, prepare us to receive the gift of your Son, help us to treasure the gift of the season in our hearts. May we anticipate with great hope, the arrival of Jesus into the world again. Amen.		The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.			
Christmas Message			A Little More Christmas Message . . .			
The Prophet Foretells a Messiah	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7		Christmas Prayer			
*The Arrival of the Light	O Come, All Ye Faithful O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God all glory in the highest: O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.	UMH #234	Anthem	What Makes a Christmas Morning Sanctuary Choir	arr. Gina Boe	
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7		The Big Christmas Message Finale!			
Carol	Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 2) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head The stars in the sky looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh	UMH #217	Giving Back to God			
			Offertory Prayer	In response to the love you have given us, God, through the birth of Jesus the Christ, we offer here what we have, what we do and even more, who we are, that our generosity might transform the world. Amen.		
			Offertory	Giving to God through First Church: 1. Give online at fcfumc.net or on the First UMC App . 2. Check or cash. 3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.		
The Angels’ Proclamation	Luke 2:8-14					

The Service of Candles

Carol

Silent Night (vs. 1-4)

UMH #239

Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night. Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Recession of the Light

John 1:1-5

Carol

Joy to the World

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Joy to the world, The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Bradley Laurvick, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Cynthia Paquette, *Executive Pastor*

David Adkins, *Director of Music Ministries & Communications*

Dr. Joel Bacon, *Organist/Artist in Residence*

Jack Rogers, *Puppeteer*

Isaac S., Ray A., Ruby A., Kieran L., *Liturgists*

