



**Family Christmas Eve Service**

**December 24, 2023**

**4:00 PM**



If you have children who would like to participate in the pageant, please get them in a costume before the service begins. Costumes are in the following locations:

- Animals (Parlor)
- Angels (Nursery)
- Shepherds (Chapel)

## Welcome

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Hope to every hurt heart.*

**Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!**

*Leader: Peace to every restless soul.*

**Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!**

*Leader: Joy to every sad spirit.*

**Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!**

*Leader: Love to everyone.*

**Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!**

*Leader: Let us sing praises to our God.*

**Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!**

*Opening Prayer:*

**Dear Jesus, help us to follow the star to the manger.**

**Thank you, God, for sending your son to earth as a little baby. We welcome you into our lives this Christmas.**

**Amen.**

*Lighting of the Advent candle*

**John 1:1-4, 9 –13, 18b**

**Luke 1:26 – 38**

**“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” – Christmas Offering**

**“Away in a Manger”**

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” – Angels come forward**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful” – Shepherds come forward**

**“Love Came Down at Christmas” – Animals come forward**

**“Go Tell it on the Mountain” – Townspeople come forward**

**“Silent Night”**

**Kids receive a bell as they return to their seat.**

**“Joy to the World”**

**Benediction**

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**\*\* Please return your costume to the Welcome Center\*\***

**Merry Christmas!**

**Christmas Offering:**

Our Christmas offering will be given to United Methodist Family Services (UMFS), who works with high-risk children and families across Virginia. You can learn more about UMFS at <https://www.trinityumc.net/christmas>

Join us at Kids Camp on July 8-12!

For more information go to:  
[www.trinityumc.net](http://www.trinityumc.net)

