

WORSHIP	
The color <b>WHITE</b> represents the purity, peace, and innocence of the Christ-child.	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mark Wisenhunt, David Atkinson, Beth Padgett, Jennifer Hincapie, Jane Johnson, Mary Ashley Adkins, Sally Adkins, Margie and Karl Schnelle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bill Adkins, Beth Padgett, Margie Schnelle, Steve Thrailkill
<b>A/V:</b>	Dottie Pittman
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Jim Patterson Jr.
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Carol Wilson
<b>Communion:</b>	Jennifer Hincapie, Jane Johnson, Julia Turlington, Lani Johnson, Rosie Gaddy
<b>Nursery:</b>	Zahria Stewart, Meredith Robinson

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Monday—Thursday

**HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
Dec 30 and 31  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Open Hearts United Methodist Church cultivates a welcoming community – united in God’s love, guided by scripture, and empowered by the Holy Spirit – to live out Jesus Christ’s teachings.



Open Hearts United Methodist Church

December 24, 2024 11:00 AM Christmas Eve

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the pew pad. Please note that services are live-streamed, recorded, and posted to our YouTube Channel. Nursery is available for ages 0-4; Children’s Worship Activity Boxes are available behind the organist and in the lobby to help your child worship with us.

Electronic giving is received by texting **OPENDOORS** to **73256** or going online to **onrealm.org/openheartsUMC/give**

(\*) Stand as you are able. (UMH) United Methodist Hymnal

<b>GREETINGS</b>		Rev. Karen Jones
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Rise Up Shepherd and Follow	Traditional/arr. Smith
<b>*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY</b>		
<b>*OPENING HYMN (UMH 245)</b>	The First Noel	English carol
<b>*OPENING PRAYER</b>		Carol Wilson
<p>God, we have come together to celebrate the birth of your child, Jesus. You sent Jesus to be born in Bethlehem, on a dark night, full of bright stars. Jesus came so we might know the love, grace, and mercy of you, God. We join with Mary, with the heavenly host, and with millennia of worshipers, proclaiming the wondrous miracle of this moment. As we remember, sing, and cherish the story, reveal your glory once again among us. Amen.</p>		
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.	
<b>CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (UMH 217)</b>	Away in a Manger Children, verse 1 Congregation, verse 2 All, verse 3	Murray

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jana Clack

Children are invited to return to the pews after the Children’s Message.

\*OFFERTORY HYMN (UMH 240)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn/Wesley/arr. Cummings

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Carol Wilson

OFFERTORY

Noel X

D’Aquín

\*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SOLO ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Yon/Martens/arr. Hayes

Olivia Marseil, mezzo-soprano

\*GOSPEL READING (NT 58-59 )

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Jones

*The Word of God for the People of God.*  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jones

*If you have a child in the Nursery and would like for them to participate in Communion  
and/or the candle lighting, you may get them at the end of the sermon while the Table is being prepared.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (UMH 12)

Rev. Jones

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING DURING COMMUNION

O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH 230)

What Child Is This (UMH 219)

O Come, All Ye Faithful (UMH 234)

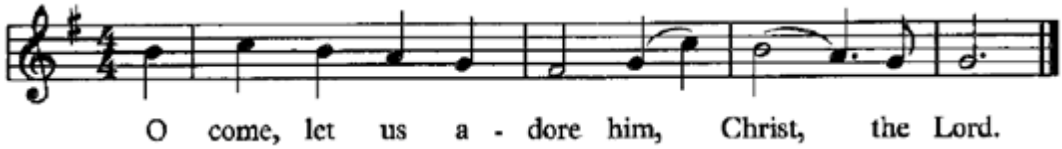
Love Came Down at Christmas (UMH 242)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Jana, Randy, Eleanor, and Collins Clack

Canticle of Light and Darkness R3

John F. Wade



All: (Musical Response)

Reader: On this long, dark night of the birth of Jesus, we have watched and waited for a sign of the joy to come.  
We have lit the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

All: The good news is here. The child has come. A child has been born for us, a son given to us; he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader: We light the final candle because the light of the world has come to dwell among us. Behold, Christ is  
born. (White candle is lit)

All: Welcome, love of Christ, which shows us how to care for each other, sacrifice for one another, and  
fully embrace ourselves. Expand our capacity to love more like Jesus loved. Amen.

All: (Musical Response)

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Please do not tip lit candles, and exercise caution with fire.

\*CANDLELIGHT CAROL (UMH 239)

Silent Night

Gruber/Mohr/trans. Young

*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!*

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 246)

Joy to the World

Handel/Watts/arr. Mason

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Gesu Bambino (reprise)

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian carol/Leontovich/arr. Wilhousky

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Suzanne Pyle  
in loving memory of Hon. C. Victor Pyle, Jr. on this his 90th birthday.*



Join for Sunday Worship at 11 AM  
A Moravian Love Feast will be held this Sunday, December 29th