

## Christmas Eve

**Prelude** Christmas Music NUMC Band

### Welcome

#### +Call to Worship

Like the Magi of old, we lift our voices and praise the savior of the world.

**O come, let us adore him.**

Like ancient Israel, we proclaim the kindness of the Lord, and all that the Lord has done for us.

**O come, let us adore him.**

Like the faithful of old, we rejoice that Jesus loves us, has mercy on us, and redeems us.

**O come, let us adore him.**

**+Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH #234 vs. 1-3

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Stephanie Basemera and Allin Family  
This evening we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle.

*The Christ Candle is lit*

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.”** (Isaiah 9:2)

#### Children’s Message

**Carol** *Away in a Manger* UMH #217 vs. 1

**Lesson** Luke 2:1-7 David Miller

**Carol** *What Child is This?* UMH #219 vs. 1-2

**Lesson** Luke 2:8-14 Kristen Twitchell

**+Carol** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH #238 vs. 1-2

**Lesson** Luke 2:15-20 Stephanie Basemera

**+Carol** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH #251 vs. 1-3

**Lesson** John 1:1-5 Donna Dempewolf

**Message** Light

**Call to Prayer** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH #230 vs. 1-2

**Christmas Prayer**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Music** *A Child is Born*

**Offertory Liturgy**

**On a night when all seems holy, we praise your name, O God. We thank you for the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, and light that are embodied in this night. As we celebrate the coming again of Jesus, we offer you these gifts as an expression of our love and wonder. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

**Candle Lighting**

**+Carol** *Silent Night* UMH #239

**Carrying the Light into the World**

**+Carol** *Joy to the World* UMH #246  
Handbell Choir

**Blessing**

**Postlude** *Toccata on Antioch* arr. Craig Phillips

*We are all meant to be mothers of God – for God is always needing to be born.* Meister Eckhart

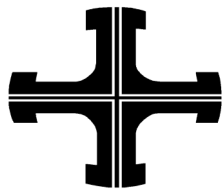
Thank you to all of our musicians and behind the scene workers!  
We are glad we could worship together this evening.  
For more information about Northfield United Methodist Church visit  
our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org).

May You Have a Blessed Christmas.

Pastor Donna Dempewolf  
Joanne Rodland, Organist  
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director  
NUMC Band:

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals  
Wendy Smith, Flute  
JC Sanford, Trombone  
David Miller, Piano & Trumpet  
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar  
Dave Drentlaw, Drums & Timpani

Readers:  
Stephanie Basemera  
David Miller  
Kristen Twitchell



**Worship. Compassion. Devotion. Justice.**



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4:30 PM

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