

## Christmas Eve

**Prelude** UMC Band

### Welcome

#### +Call to Worship

Tonight, wonder meets us in the darkness.

**We come with open hearts, ready to receive the Light.**

Long ago, a child was born and the world was changed.

**We come to behold the One who still changes us.**

**All: O come, let us adore him—Christ the Lord!**

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

**Lesson** Isaiah 9:2,6 Charley Handlang

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Twitchell/Handlang Family

**One:** Tonight we light the Christ Candle.

**Two:** All through Advent we have prepared our hearts with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

**One:** Now we make room for **Wonder**, welcoming Jesus—the Light of the World.

(Christ Candle is lit.)

**Two:** May this light remind us that God is with us, now and always.

**All: Light of Christ, shine in us and through us. Amen.**

### Children's Message

**Special Music** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Handbell Choir  
arr. Don Chapman, setting by Kevin McChesney

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

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

**Lesson** Luke 2:8-14 Jolene Barjasteh

**+Carol** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* TFWS #2098 vs. 1-3

**Lesson** Luke 2:15-20 Mary Twitchell

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

**Message** Making Room for Wonder

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

### Christmas Prayer

### Offertory

**Offertory Music** *I Wonder As I Wander* John Jacob Niles  
arr. Timothy Gotwald

### Offertory Liturgy

**Holy God, on this night of wonder, you come among us as Light and Love made flesh. Receive these gifts, and receive our lives, that your hope, peace, joy, love, and light may shine through us into the world you so love. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. Amen.**

### Candle Lighting

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

### Carrying the Light into the World

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

### Blessing

**Postlude** *In Dulci Jubilo* Johann Sebastian Bach

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*Merry Christmas!*

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.

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

Charley Handlang

David Miller

Jolene Barjasteh

Mary Twitchell

NUMC Band:

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals

Ava Podracky, Vocals

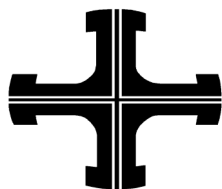
Wendy Smith, Flute

Jeff Wood, Trombone

David Miller, Piano and Trumpet

Rob Thompson, Bass

Dave Drentlaw, Drums and Timpani



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



# CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025  
4:30 PM

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