



December 24, 2025 — 10:30 pm



Candlelight Service

Worship with us In-person
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Welcome to St. Mark's Candlelight Service

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the darkness of Creation, God brought forth Light!

That Light flooded over the waters of creation.

From the fear and alienation, God sent forth a leading Pillar of Light!

That Light directed people who were on the path of freedom.

From the cries of the people, God offered the lights of Hope

Those lights beckoned people to God's presence.

From the yearning of the Spirit, God's light was born again in a child

That Light shall never be diminished! Praise God for the warm light of God's Incarnate Love. Amen.

CAROL

"O, Come All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234
(Vs. 1,2,3,6)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

THE MARSHALL FAMILY

First Reader: Tonight, we gather to remember the prophet Isaiah: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7)

All: We gather once again to bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

Second Reader: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Sue Combs

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reading Special:	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 "He is the Gift"	Penny Dole
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Reading Special:	Luke 1:26-35,38 "Mary Did You Know?"	Chris Beiser
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Reading Special:	Luke 2:1-7 "Carol of the Bells"	Handbells
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Message:	Pastor Mark
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Reading Special:	Luke 2:8-16 "Manger to the Throne"	Choir
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Reading Special:	Matthew 2:1-11 "We Are His Gold"	Mark and Hannah Hensler
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Lesson 6 Special:	John 1:1-14 "Special Delivery"	Chris Beiser
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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES CAROL	"Silent Night"	Congregation UMH 239
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CLOSING CAROL	"Joy to the World"	UMH 246
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	Sue Combs
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"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

As you leave this candlelight service, let the light of Christ guide you in the days to come. Share His love through acts of kindness, spread hope to those around you, and let His peace shine brightly in your life. Thank you for joining us tonight. May the light of Jesus bless you and your family this Christmas season and always.

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